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# CARERS IN COURT BATTLE FOR CASH

**Grandmother leads legal fight to get equal funding for relatives who step in to look after vulnerable children**

KENT County Council is facing series of legal challenges from carers over the amount of money they receive to look after vulnerable children.

Family and friends who act as carers say they are being short-changed by County Hall and only get around £63.36 per week to pay for the children's basic needs such as clothes and food – a third of sum foster carers receive.

A grandmother, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has been given permission by the High Court to bring a judicial review against KCC over the dispute.

The 63-year-old had to step in to look after her teenage granddaughter because her parents' drug addiction left them unable to care for her. "When she arrived she just had a carrier bag full of clothes," she said. "I had to take her to Matalan to get her kitted out for school the next day. It might be difficult for people to believe, but I actually wear the clothes she does not want anymore. There have been some difficult times, however, I would prefer to go without than let her go into care."

The grandmother, whose only income is her pension, is a single carer and had not planned financially to be in her retirement and also

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

looking after a 14-year-old schoolgirl.

"I am appalled at the way KCC has behaved," she said. "I was shocked to discover the massive difference in payments between relative and non-relative carers. My granddaughter's needs are the same whether it's family or a stranger who cares for her."

She said the teenager had to miss out on simple activities like swimming and going to the cinema with her friends.

Social services asked if she would take the girl in five years ago, saying if she didn't the youngster would be placed in foster care.

The grandmother said: "They couldn't promise I'd have any contact with her. I love her to bits but my life has been turned upside down."

And she is not the only carer taking legal action against the county council, according to her solicitor Nigel Priestley, of community care

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## Kent today



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**TONIGHT:** Dry with clear spoils and variable cloud. Light north-westerly winds. Min temp 9-12°C (48-54°F).

## Around Britain

	°C	°F		°C	°F
Aberdeen	10	50	London	17	63
Belfast	10	50	Liverpool	17	63
Birmingham	17	63	Manchester	16	61
Bristol	17	63	Newcastle	16	61
Cardiff	17	63	Nottingham	16	61
Cork	15	59	Oxford	17	63
Edinburgh	16	61	Southampton	17	63
Glasgow	16	61	Southport	16	61
Isle of Man	15	59	Swansea	16	61
Leeds	15	59	Torquay	17	63

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	6:38am	Sunset	5:50pm
Moonrise	8:57am	Moonset	7:05pm
Lighting up times	8.45pm to 8.45am		

## High Tides

	today	tomorrow
Dover	00:28 6.8 13:45 7.1	01:06 6.8 13:22 7.0
Margate	01:42 4.9 13:45 5.0	02:21 4.8 14:24 5.0
St Mary's	06:18 5.0 18:37 5.0	06:56 5.8 19:14 5.8

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wednesday Sunny spells max 19°C min 9°C	saturday Cloudy, Dry max 18°C min 10°C

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# KCC chief exec makes way for 'a fresh start'

THE "pioneering" chief executive of Kent County Council, Peter Gilroy, has announced he is to stand down next year.

The former psychiatric social worker, who began his career as a nurse, said he would be leaving in May, 2010, in his sixth year at the helm of the local authority.

The Elvis fan, who lives in west Kent and never reveals his age, announced his departure in a letter to staff this week.

"There has always been something special about Kent, both the place itself and the people who work here," he said.

"I will have been in Kent for 19 years, so for me it really will be the end of an era.

"I have worked with some of the best and most able colleagues and politicians in the country."

He began his career in local government in the mid 1970s as a senior social worker at Devon County Council. Before long he had moved to East Sussex where he stayed until coming to KCC in 1991.

After six years at Kent, the late Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart appointed him first as director of social services, and then as chief executive in 2005.

KCC has received the highest rating from the Audit Commission for the last seven years, and Mr Gilroy is sure to be remembered for his work in social services for which he has been recognised for nationally.

"Social services has always been a challenge," he said. "For eight years I ran the largest social services department in the country here in Kent and I hope I made a positive contribution to its development."

But Mr Gilroy has also been at the centre of controversy, not least when his £225,000 salary was revealed, making him one of the best-paid local authority employees in the country. County Hall has also seen £50 million frozen in Iceland during his tenure, and he was one of the driving forces behind the setting up of the controversial £1.4m Kent TV internet service.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

Cllr Paul Carter, KCC's leader, said: "Kent and KCC owe an enormous indebtedness to Peter Gilroy. He pioneered the transformation of social care, not just in Kent but in the whole country – the agenda being personalisation and independence for elderly and vulnerable people.

"Kent's reputation nationally has been further enhanced over the last five years due to Peter's energy, innovation and commitment as chief executive."



**INNOVATIVE:** Peter Gilroy

Mr Gilroy, who is married with two daughters, enjoys travel and his varied career has taken him from voluntary work in North Africa to working with young offenders locked up for serious crimes in New York state.

He once revealed that he was made homeless at the age of 15 after the sudden loss of his family.

He said he was likely to return to voluntary work in the future. He also enjoys horse riding, music, media and film.

"It has been a roller coaster of a career," he said.

"I still have concerns that as a country our public services are over-regulated in the belief that we are making people safer, but in truth we are in danger of disempowering people.

"We need to remember this and to work to put all of us in a position where we, not the State, control our lives."

Under his leadership, the authority has retained its 'excellent' status from the Audit Commission and has the largest community 'telehealth' pilot in Europe.

In the letter he thanked his staff and explained that his contract ended in May.

He added: "I am very proud of what we have achieved together over the last five years I have been chief executive, given the volatile nature of our business, but now I need to move on to new things in my life.

"This will also provide the opportunity for Kent to have a fresh start."

# 'It is clear the county doesn't pay family and friends enough'

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law specialists Ridley & Hall. He said another family has been granted a judicial review to consider the legality and fairness of Kent's payment scheme for family and friends carers.

In this case, the family is not related to the child, but had to intervene because there were no relatives who could care for the young person.

Mr Priestley said he had three other clients who were in dispute with KCC over family and friends carers' fees.

He said: "Essentially the case law says the local authority should pay kinship [family and friends] carers the same rate as they would pay foster carers.

"Repeatedly we've found that Kent does not do that for family and friend carers."

It is not the first time that KCC has come under fire for the amount it provides for the basic care of vulnerable looked-after children and young people.

This year, 2009-10, is the first that foster carers in the county will receive the Government-recommended minimum allowance. But in previous years, foster carers have been receiving the lowest payments in the South East, according to figures from the Fostering Network.

## Responsibility

Meanwhile, family and friends carers are seeking legal advice from the Huddersfield-based practice Ridley & Hall.

Mr Priestley said: "People hunt us out, but I suspect this is rife across Kent and people have not found us. There is very clear evidence that Kent do not pay family and friend carers enough."

He added: "There is a legal duty on social services that if the parents cannot look after a child they have to go to family and friends because it is generally acknowledged they provide better care than foster carers or homes. But it means people, like my client, who are looking forward to a quiet retirement are taking on the responsibility of looking after children or teenagers who quite often have challenging behaviour."

Dates for the judicial reviews have not been set, but they are expected to take place later this year.

A KCC spokesman said: "The people concerned in these cases have been given permission by the High Court to bring proceedings for judicial review.

"There will be a full hearing later this year, when the court will decide whether their claims should succeed or not, and until that has taken place we are unable to comment further."

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CAPTURED: Mr Wright's photo of the bird

## Puffin sends birdwatchers into real flap

ONE of the most extraordinary bird sightings ever recorded in the UK was made near Faversham this week, *writes Dave Mairs*.

The unique discovery of a tufted puffin in Swale off the Oare Marshes nature reserve by local birdwatcher Murray Wright was described as "dramatic and almost unbelievable" on one of the country's leading birdwatching websites.

Mr Wright was looking for seabirds during the strong north-easterly winds that have persisted down the English east coast for more than a week when he saw the distinctive-looking seabird on Wednesday.

Writing on the Kent Ornithological Society website, he described what happened.

"A glimpse of orangey-red towards the front (the bill) had me thinking of a summer-plumage puffin, which would nearly be an Oare mega," he said.

"Luckily, it dropped on to the water at about 75 yards' range and then it was all too obvious that it was an adult tufted puffin in summer plumage – an alcid [auk] from the north Pacific. I've seen the species in the wild in Siberia, so the ID wasn't a problem. The guys in the hide were already all on the bird too. Panic then ensued, but I managed to take a few record shots (despite shaking uncontrollably – I still am!)."

### Near-panic

Despite appearing settled, at 11.10am – just 20 minutes after it had first been seen – the tufted puffin flew west along the Swale and was not seen again.

Just six other birdwatchers had seen it at Oare, although a later report suggested that it had been seen earlier flying past Herne Bay, a few miles to the east.

The news was relayed across the UK via pagers, websites and email alerts, prompting near-panic among the country's birdwatching fraternity.

However, the fact the bird had flown off meant that a huge arrival of 'twitchers' – people who will travel anywhere in the country to see rare birds – did not occur.

Nevertheless, some 100 people were on site by the afternoon, including two who had reportedly travelled from Middlesbrough.

The species breeds in the North Pacific Ocean from north-east Siberia south through the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands to northern California.

The Oare bird was the first to be recorded in this country and only the second in Europe, the first being in Sweden in 1994.

## MEP welcomes 'Jungle' closure

NEWS the notorious Calais ghetto known as 'The Jungle' is to be closed next week has been welcomed by a Kent Euro MP.

Tory Richard Ashworth said he backed French plans to close the ramshackle camp that is home to migrants hoping to smuggle themselves into Dover. The French say migrants will be offered the chance to apply for asylum, and the United Nations says Britain should do the same.

Mr Ashworth said: "What is obvious is that all EU governments are not fulfilling their obligations to halt the entry of illegal immigrants on Europe's southern borders."

# GMC suspend Bloodgate doc during probe

THE doctor accused of deliberately injuring the rugby player at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' scandal has been suspended on full pay from her position at a Kent hospital, *writes Jenna Pudelek*.

Harlequins wing Tom Williams alleged that Wendy Chapman, who lives in Sevenoaks, cut his lip to cover the fact he used a fake blood capsule during a Heineken Cup quarter-final against Leinster in April.

Dr Chapman, who works as an A&E consultant at Maidstone Hospital, has now been suspended by the General Medical Council (GMC) pending an investigation, the regulators announced this week.

Her lawyers said in a statement that she had been off work "unwell" for some time and had not resisted the suspension.

A spokeswoman for the GMC, which has the power to strike her off the doctors' register and remove her right to practise medicine, said: "I cannot confirm any details of the investigation, just that we are investigating."

An investigation team will now look into her fitness to practise. Doctors can be suspended under interim orders for up to 18 months, but cases are always reviewed within six months, the GMC said.

Dr Chapman, 46, is being represented by the Medical Defence Union (MDU). Her solicitor, Charles Dewhurst, said she was not available for comment.

"I confirm that the GMC's Interim Orders Panel has made an interim order suspending Dr Chapman's registration," he said.

"This occurred after medical evidence was presented to the panel that Dr Chapman has been unwell for at least a year.

"Dr Chapman has been off work for some time and no resistance was offered on her behalf to the panel making an interim order.

"Dr Chapman would like to take the opportunity to thank all those people who have sent her messages of support and also the MDU who have been assisting her."

### Duress

A Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust spokesman said suspension was a "neutral act" and that until any guilt had been proven she would continue to get paid.

"We have confirmed with the GMC that Mrs Chapman is unable to practice while the investigation takes place, and therefore she cannot and will not be working at the trust during the duration of the review and until such times as the findings of the GMC investigation are known," he said.

Harlequins has been fined £259,000 as a result of the scandal, their director of rugby, Dean Richards, has been banned for three years and Williams was given a four-month ban after an investigation by tournament organisers European Rugby Cup (ERC).

Richards told a newspaper last week: "Whatever Wendy [Chapman's] part was in this it was under duress.

"I told Tom [Williams] and our physio Steph Brennan that I felt we had to protect Wendy no matter what, because this had the potential to be really difficult for her.

"That meant covering up everything we had done. Tom and Steph agreed."

Williams was banned from playing rugby for a year by the ERC in July, but his pun-



COVER UP: Tom Williams and his fake cut

ishment was reduced after he appealed and gave evidence against Richards and Brennan, who has also been banned from working in rugby.

It was during the appeal in August that he alleged Dr Chapman, who was employed on match days by the club to deal with blood injuries, deliberately hurt his lip with a scalpel after he asked her to cut him.

## Fresh round of swine flu coming

THE second wave of swine flu looks set to hit after the number of cases rose this week for the first time since July.

NHS West Kent and NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent both reported slight increases in the number of cases of the H1N1 virus and said they were prepared to deal with further rises.

Jackie Spiby, director of health improvement at NHS West Kent, said: "Coupled with the national rise in estimated cases, this is an early indication that we are starting to see the initial signs of a second wave of swine flu."

Health Protection Agency figures show that infections nationally have increased from an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 this week.

Dr Spiby said: "Across England, much of the increase in activity has related to school age children, so in light of this we would continue to advise schools and parents to follow strict, but simple hygiene procedures and remember to wash and dry hands thoroughly, and catch sneezes in a tissue."

NHS Medway said there had been no noticeable increase in the number of cases of swine flu.

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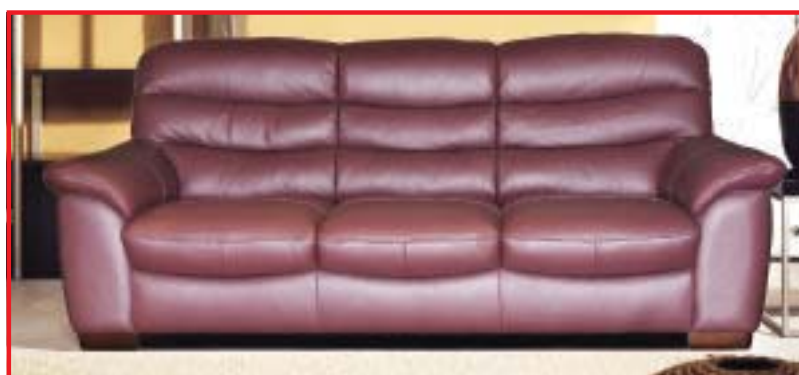
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# It's a fair cop, says policing pioneer Mary

A COURAGEOUS and pioneering 91-year-old has spoken of her experiences as one of the country's first policewomen.

Mary Mercer, who lives in a care home at Gravesend, was in her early 20s and living in Lincoln when she saw a job advert for the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps.

"I applied and got the first job," she said. "They gave me my tunic number, 01, and after nine months' training I was expected to do everything a male officer would do."

She told Kent on Sunday she did not think twice about dealing with dangerous and violent criminals and was determined to be "as good as the men, even better".

She clearly had no qualms about putting herself in the frontline, and also joined the Army during World War Two, saying it was a "natural thing" to do because there were not many jobs in those days.

"To get a job in the police was an absolute wonder," she said. "It came out of the blue. I was friendly with people at the top, which is not as it is now. The men treated me with respect. They didn't go against me at all and were very good to me."

Mrs Mercer has taken the fitness and discipline she learnt in the Army and the police with her through her life.

She can still touch her toes and is more flexible than some of the staff at the care home. Asked whether it was tough being one of the few policewomen in the early days, she said: "You had to just do it, you didn't think about the consequences."

"I remember once I had to go with two other officers to arrest an Irishman who

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**PIONEER: Mrs Mercer today**

was causing trouble.

"I got him round the neck and held on for dear life, despite the fact he was swinging me round for all he was worth."

"But I didn't let go and we arrested him and took him away."

It was during the later stages of the war, after she was posted to Germany to help soldiers on the frontline, that she met her husband, Leonard, who had just been released from a prisoner of war camp.

The couple moved to Gravesend after the war and ran a shop in the town selling children's and women's clothes. After her husband died she continued to run the shop until she was 80. Mrs Mercer had a difficult early life. Her father left the family when she was just a month old.

"I raised my brother, John, and two years ago we both came to live here at Edward Moore House where we were very happy. Sadly, my brother died a few months ago."



**FIRST AMONG EQUALS: Mary Mercer was one of the first policewomen hired in the country**

Mrs Mercer who did not have any children of her own, helped raise her brother's son and daughter. It was when he developed dementia that they moved into the care home in August.

Moji Olusesan, manger at the Abbeyfield Kent Society home, said: "Mary is very caring and looks after people."

"People love her and even though her brother passed away his friends keep visiting her. She's doing very well for her age. She's very kind and looks after the other women in the lounge."

"She knows everything that's going on."



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## Cocaine 'drugs mule' is jailed

A GILLINGHAM woman has been jailed for three years after being caught with pure cocaine worth £360,000 at Heathrow airport.

Drugs mule Katherine Lennard, 20, of Millburn Road, was stopped at Terminal 3 on May 10.

She was returning from Costa Rica, via Madrid in Spain, and claimed she had been on a shopping trip.

Customs officers searched her baggage and found the drug concealed in two of her suitcases.

His Honour Judge Colgan, at Isleworth Crown Court, told her: "This was a commercial importation of two kilos of cocaine."

"Those caught must expect to go to prison. I accept that you were only a courier and had no part in the organisation."

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## Paedophile caught with sick computer images

A MAN who was caught with nearly 100 pictures and films of child abuse has been jailed for eight months.

Paul Taylor, 54, from Edenbridge was arrested in February, 2008, and charged with 19 offences of making indecent images and one offence of possessing indecent images of children.

Taylor pleaded guilty at Maidstone Crown Court.

Computer equipment was seized from his home and Kent Police's digital forensics unit found images and movie clips ranging from levels one to five. Level five is the most serious, and depicts sadism or bestiality with children.

Det Sgt Dave Shipley said: "Taylor compiled a sickening collection of indecent images and movies of children."

"Some showed the children bound and



**PAUL TAYLOR**

clearly in severe distress while suffering real abuse. Throughout the investigation, Taylor sought to blame others, including unknown hackers. People who commit these offences add to the demand for new images, so more children become victims. We have removed a serious offender from the community."

Police found 84 photographs and 14 movies, most which were of children under the age of 12, on Taylor's computer.

Det Sgt Shipley said: "Taylor was believed to be of good character."

"This type of offender can come from any background and is not restricted to a stereotypical criminal. I urge anyone who has information about this type of offence to report it."

Taylor will be subject to a sex offender's prevention order when he is released.

plagued by accusations of ageism, which bosses deny.

The duo were due to present the 6.30pm show until next month, but managers are said to have brought their departure forward in an effort to stop the negative publicity.

BBC presenter Geoff Clark fronted the primetime South East Today show for the last time on Thursday.

He left just a day after co-host Beverley Thompson presented her last show. Ever since it was announced the pair were to go the BBC has been

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# Climate change photograph competition offers tricky judging task for KoS editor



**WAVY BROADY:** Broadstairs seafront, by Dean Williams, aged 15



**FROSTY PARK:** Herne Bay Memorial Park, by Honor Woollams, 10, Herne Bay



**SEA SURGE:** Neptune's Arm, Herne Bay, by Leanne Woollams, 39, from Herne Bay



**TURBINES:** Grow with the grass. Romney Marsh, by Howard Marsh, 61, Maidstone

## On reflection, a worthy winner

By **NEILL BARSTON**

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A STUNNING range of pictures of Kent were submitted for a photography competition on the theme of climate change.

Kentish people responded in fine style to the county council's challenge of capturing a host of unseasonal events, demonstrating how dramatically our weather patterns are altering.

Prizes up for grabs included the winning shot being mounted on a canvas; and free entry to leading visitor attractions for the runners-up.

Split into adult and junior categories, the overall winner was Duncan Dwinell, who entered a striking picture of flooding on his local playing fields.

Highly commended in the competition, which was judged by Kent on Sunday editor Ian Patel, was 39-year-old Leanne Woollams, from Herne Bay, who entered a seascape of her home town.

And a shot of Romney Marsh wind turbines by Howard Marsh, 61, from Maidstone, was commended.

For the under-16s section, 15-year-old Dean Williams, from Ramsgate, was highly commended for his picture of Broadstairs seafront.

Ten-year-old Honor Woollams of Herne Bay, who entered a photo of Herne Bay Memorial Park, was commended.

Delighted with his win, Mr Dwinell, 60, of Borough Green, near Maidstone, said: "The



**THE WINNER:** Time to Reflect – After the Storm, Tonbridge, January, 2009, by Duncan Dwinell, 60, of Borough Green, near Maidstone, was "beautifully composed"

theme of the competition appealed to me and I was really pleased to hear that I'd won as this is the first competition like this I've entered.

"I've been taking pictures since I was 10. It has always been a hobby, but I've never had any professional tuition.

"A few years ago I inherited my father's pocket digital camera and was out walking in Tonbridge and just saw the flooded playing fields. I thought, 'I can't just walk by this, it's such a stunning reflection in the water'."

Mr Dwinell, a teacher at Maidstone's

Oakwood Park Grammar School, said the win has inspired him to join Sevenoaks Camera Club and will provide encouragement for furthering his online gallery of personal pictures (which can be seen at [www.ddwinellgallery@shutterfly.com](http://www.ddwinellgallery@shutterfly.com)).

"My specialism is close-ups of flowers and landscapes, and having taught in Tonbridge I was well aware of how much it has flooded here in the past.

"The playing fields are part of its flood plain, but it should never be so flooded in January when I took the picture," explained Mr Dwinell.

Kent on Sunday editor Ian Patel said: "I was impressed by the overall quality of pictures entered and it was a difficult decision to pick a winner.

"But Duncan Dwinell's shot particularly stood out as a beautifully composed picture that captured the county's landscape and how it was being affected by climate change."

Carolyn McKenzie, Kent County Council's sustainability and climate change manager was also impressed by entrants.

She said: "Climate change will affect everyone, young, old, families and businesses. It is no longer just a stimulating topic for debate.

"We wanted this competition to raise awareness of the issues and also to generate excitement and interest. Everybody can make a difference.

"Response to the competition was excellent with 39 high quality entries and five outstanding winners. Thank you to everyone who participated."

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# Hospital's mistakes killed my baby son, warns mum

A MOTHER has spoken of the enduring heartbreak after her baby died from massive head injuries just hours after being born at a Kent hospital, *writes Jenna Pudelek.*

Carla and Johnny Bradbrook said their son Joshua died "suffering and in pain" at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford following a series of errors in his delivery.

Since his birth in June, 2005, his parents and clinical negligence specialists Irwin Mitchell have fought a protracted legal battle which saw Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust finally admit liability for his death in December last year.

Mrs Bradbrook, 31, said that after the General Medical Council's recent decision to dismiss their claim against the doctor who delivered Joshua, they wanted to speak out and highlight their horrific experience.

"It is just the worst thing that could happen to anybody," she said. "When you go full term you expect to have a baby."

"Labour and delivery is never the most normal thing to experience, but he suffered, he was in pain and that is something we imagine and something that never goes away."

The couple remain haunted by the fact their son was born with fractures to both sides of his skull after several attempts were made to force the birth with both a suction device and forceps.

But even after the trust admitted liability



**HURTING:** Carla and Johnny with son Luca

for his death, the GMC advised it would not re-open its investigations because there were insufficient prospects of establishing that Dr Mohlala, the registrar who oversaw the birth, was unfit to practice.

Mrs Bradbrook said it was her first child and the couple put their trust completely in the doctor and nurses during labour.

"We feel people should be aware that these things happen. You cannot just put 100 per cent faith in doctors."

The couple have since had another son called Luca who they call "their world".

But they felt unable to go back to the NHS and the two-year-old was born at the private Portland Hospital in London.

"It is such an awful feeling to live with, you feel angry and sad a whole mixture of emotions," said Mrs Bradbrook, who lives in Gravesend with her 30-year-old tower crane driver husband.

"You feel angry at the world and those feelings never go away."

The trust said it has reviewed its maternity services following Joshua's death, which are currently rated 'fair' by the health watchdog Care Quality Commission.

A spokesman said there is now increased consultant supervision of deliveries that are assisted by instrument such as forceps and suction devices.

The Bradbrook's solicitor Anita Murphy-O'Reilly revealed the details of Joshua's birth, which have emerged since his death.

Mrs Murphy-O'Reilly said the trust's internal investigation showed that Joshua was in distress and had an abnormal heartbeat during the second stage of labour.

She said that according to the midwives and medical records, Dr Mohlala gave six 'pulls' with the ventouse suction device, which is twice the recommended amount.

He then unsuccessfully used forceps before Joshua had to be forced back up the birth canal so Mrs Bradbrook could be given a Caesarean section, she said.

Mrs Bradbrook said: "When he came out, everything was quiet and there was a really strange atmosphere in the room."

"I heard a little cry and then the nurse kept rubbing my arm and telling me he was okay. He only lived for five hours."

A spokeswoman for the GMC confirmed that Dr Mohlala, who no longer works at the hospital, was still registered to practise, but could not say any more about the case because of confidentiality.

## Man arrested for arson after blaze

A 22-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested for arson after a fire at a terraced house on Thursday morning.

More than 50 firefighters were needed to tackle the blaze in Otway Street, Chatham, which started just after midnight.

Fire crews from Strood, Sittingbourne, Gillingham and Maidstone were needed for the incident.

Part of the house collapsed and the 10 neighbouring homes were evacuated.

No-one was hurt in the fire, but the road was closed by the emergency services.

Initial reports suggested that there were people inside the property affected by the fire, but this proved not to be the case.

Firefighting operations came to an end at 2.30am. Fire Investigation and Research officers are working with police to establish the cause of the blaze.

The arrested man has been released on bail until Monday, November 23

## Investigation into death of six cats

SIX cats have died after being poisoned with antifreeze.

The RSPCA is investigating the deaths in Westover Gardens, Broadstairs, and Colman Crescent, Ramsgate, following the poisoning and others cats are receiving treatment from vets.

RSPCA inspector Charlotte Eyden said: "We are very concerned as we have had so many cats in the area become ill."

"We would like to warn motorists to be careful not to spill antifreeze as it is tempting for cats to drink it and they become sick and may die. Anyone deliberately poisoning cats may face prosecution."

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**LIVE THE DREAM:** The arrival of Lottery cash means the drawing-board concept of Dreamland's revival as a historic theme park – with a revamped Scenic Railway – is a step closer

# Dream of white-knuckle ride back to the future

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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THE new Dreamland theme park will be rising from the ashes in Easter, 2011.

That's the tentative date set by the people behind the multi-million-pound project in Margate.

The initial money from the Heritage Lottery Fund has arrived and means they can start a recruitment drive for the key staff who will help make it a reality.

The not-for-profit company Dreamland Trust confirmed it had £384,500 of funding, allowing it to employ three people to take forward detailed proposals.

## Amusements

Phase one of the project, worth £12.4 million, will create the world's first amusement park to solely feature historic rides and will be centred on the Grade-II listed Scenic Railway rollercoaster, the oldest in the country at 89 years.

About 20 per cent of the railway's tracks, the workshops where the carriages were stored and part of the 'station' were destroyed in an arson attack in April, last year.

The second phase will involve the restoration of the Grade-II listed Dreamland

## Easter, 2011 target date for vintage theme park's rebirth

Cinema building as a multi-purpose entertainment venue, creating a national centre for seaside heritage, popular culture and street style. Dreamland Trust chairman Nick Laister said: "We are now recruiting a core team to make this exciting concept a reality."

"Heading up the team will be the project director, who will become the public face of Dreamland, driving the project forward."

"The project director will be supported by an audience development officer, who will be the public liaison point for the project and will organise exhibitions and other events."

"The third post is a project archivist, who will research, collate and disseminate historical information relating to the Dreamland site, seaside culture and amusement parks in general."

Mr Laister said they were aiming to open to the public by Easter, 2011, if everything ran to plan for the Belgrave Road site, which is owned by Margate Town Centre Regeneration Company.

Mr Laister is a planning consultant and leading authority on the British amusement

park industry. The trust has negotiated the rescue of a number of threatened vintage rides, most of which are now in storage.

The rides include the Caterpillar, Water Chute, Whip, Wild Mouse and River Caves, and they have been acquired from Southport Pleasureland, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Rhyl's Ocean Beach.

In some cases, these represent the last surviving examples of their type.

Mr Laister said: "This is a tremendously exciting venture for all of us."

"This money means we are able to move to the next level and start getting more detailed plans and drawings done for the planning stage."

"It will allow work to actually start on site early next year, and then opening at Easter, 2011."

He said that once work started they would have a better idea if everything was going to meet the timetables and make the planned opening date.



**SUMMER'S LEASE:** Return of Dreamland's glory days could be just 18 months away

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## New study involving Kent farms says school outings are invaluable for later life

# Knowledge handed to pupils on a plate

SCHOOLS should take better advantage of farm trips so pupils can learn more about where their food comes from, claims a new report, *writes Steve Knight*.

The Kingston University study, which farms from Kent took part in, has called on the Government to promote the benefits of such visits so children are better informed about the products they will buy in later life.

Its author, Dr Frances Harris, also recommends farm trips being added to the national curriculum, with teachers receiving specialist training.

Valerie Duncanson, who has been welcoming schools to Pympe Court Farm Centre at Loose, near Maidstone, for 22 years said she welcomed the study's findings.

"There is widespread ignorance of the realities of food production, even among so-called educated people," she said.

"You can't claim to be green without having an understanding of why and how certain products are made. For instance, if you knew that one litre of aviation fuel was used for every kilogram of strawberries we import from California, it might persuade you to buy more from local growers."

"When children come here they absolutely love it, and teachers get a lot out of it, too. Farm visits cut across the curriculum because we can do all sorts of things here, from art to history and biology – whatever the school wants."

The Kingston study points out that despite campaigns to encourage primary school visits to farms, funding is limited and trips are often dependant on an individual teacher's enthusiasm.

Mrs Duncanson agreed, and said there was also a problem with the red tape involved.

She said: "A lot of teachers stick rigidly to their curriculum and don't have the experience or confidence to come up with their own plans."

"Those that do have to run them by a Kent County Council unit to prove that what they are doing is safe. That process takes six weeks. Some people might not bother."

Dr Harris's study, which was funded by the Ernest Cook Trust, focused on farms and schools in the South East, North East and West Country. She found that 54 per cent of parents said that they too had learned something from their child's farm visit, and that 16 per cent would be more prepared to alter their food-buying habits as a result.

Dr Harris said: "Farmers have made a huge commitment to open their farms to vis-



WHERE'S THE BEEF?: Farm trips can teach youngsters what is involved in modern food production

## E.coli hygiene advice to guests

FARM attractions across the county have heightened hygiene measures this week in a bid to prevent any further outbreak of E.coli.

Our sister paper, Kent on Saturday, yesterday reported the venues offering 'petting' corners where children can stroke animals were reinforcing that message after the recent outbreak in Surrey.

Tony Hibbard, a manager at the Rare Breeds Centre, near Ashford, said: "We have taken the precaution of putting additional flyers around the site to advise people to wash their hands after petting animals here – that is the main advice that has been given on this issue. We will continue to monitor the situation."

John Jordan, general manager of Kent Life at Sandling, near Maidstone, said: "If asked if I would still take my grandchildren to a farm park after the recent E.coli reports I would definitely say yes."

"I have always followed basic hygiene advice and always ensure my grandchildren wash their hands after coming into contact with animals – and certainly prior to eating."

itors, especially schoolchildren. Despite the range of supporting programmes, this is often done at a personal cost. Farmers struggled to make contact with teachers to initiate new visits, and without a keen champion within a school it's difficult to set up visits."

Despite her findings, not all farms have trouble attracting educational trips.

Julia Bracewell, of the Commonwork Land

Trust in Edenbridge, took part in the study and said the farm welcomed about 5,000 children a year.

She added: "We have been running visits for about 25 years so are well established, but school trips definitely need to be promoted more. It's so important that people are aware of where their food comes from and the processes that go into it."

## Gate guardians 'crumbling'

TWO monuments to fallen airmen at a Battle of Britain aerodrome are crumbling and need to be replaced, say campaigners.

A replica Spitfire and Hurricane have stood guard outside the chapel at Biggin Hill for decades, but are now so weatherbeaten they need replacing.

The chapel was built in 1951 to replace an airfield church destroyed by fire.

Since then, more than 12,000 people a year have passed through its doors to remember those lost in battle, including the Allied airmen killed in World War Two.

Some 3,000 airmen were awarded the Battle of Britain Clasp after taking part in the fighting over southern England between July and October, 1940.

Now the Friends of St George's RAF Chapel of Remembrance are seeking donations to help raise £40,000 to replace the 'gate guardians'.

The new aircraft will be authentic reproductions of those stationed at Biggin Hill during the Battle of Britain.

Chippie Woods, who served at Biggin Hill



TOP FLIGHT: Spitfire replica outside chapel

and is a member of the Friends of St George's, said: "A Spitfire and Hurricane have stood as a memorial to those who lost their lives here since 1951."

"It's important future generations are reminded of that supreme sacrifice when they see our gate guardians."

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# Museum to record memories from day 11 Royal Marines died in IRA bomb attack on barracks

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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AS THE 20th anniversary of the day an IRA bomb exploded at the Royal Marine Barracks in Deal approaches, a commemorative project has been launched to remember the 11 young musicians who died.

Memories of the attack on the Royal Marines School of Music, on September 22, 1989, which left 20 other bandmen injured, remain raw in the quiet seaside town.

The devastating 15lb bomb detonated in the recreation centre at 8.22am while many of the Marines were practicing in the concert hall in Canada Road.

The explosion was heard as far as two miles away and the bomb destroyed all three floors of the building and damaged dozens of nearby homes.

Phil Heath, from Dover, was working for Sky News at the time of the bombing and was the first cameraman on the scene.

He said: "When I got there I saw Wrens running down the street and I didn't know what was going on.

"All I knew was when I went to Canada Road people were stepping out of the windows where they had been smashed."

## Horror

He said a colleague who lived in Deal had called him early in the morning to say there had been an explosion that shook his house.

"There were shocked-looking Marines out in the street," he said "The sirens of emergency vehicles went on for what seemed like several hours, people were moved out of the area in case of a second device.

"As the day went on the true horror of what had happened started to come to light."

In a poignant memorial to the young men who lost their lives, the Royal Marines band marched through the streets of Walmer and Deal a week later, leaving gaps in the ranks for those who were killed.

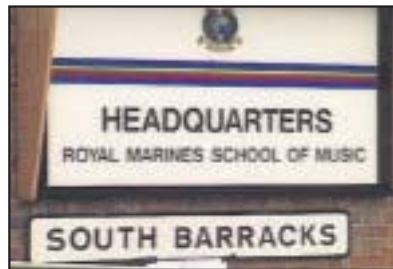
To mark the 20th anniversary of the tragedy, Dover Museum is running an oral history project and asking members of the community to get in touch with their memories from the day and those that followed it.

John Ibeson, curator at the museum, said it was an interesting project because it was dealing with recent history while the event was fresh in people's minds.

"The affect on Deal was I suppose twofold," he said. "The security at the barracks changed straight away and obviously a lot of people were affected by it.

"But looking back, it is strange because one of the promises made afterwards by

# We will never forget our town's darkest day



Pictures: PHIL HEATH

**IRA ATTACK:** The Royal Marines School of Music where 11 men died and 20 were injured after the IRA attack on September 22, 1989. Just a week later the marines marched through the town, leaving a space in the ranks for those who died in the attack

Margaret Thatcher was that the barracks would not close, but when they did shut it caused a lot of anxiety and is still a painful subject for people."

Despite Prime Minister Thatcher's promise, the barracks closed amid huge local protest in the 1990s and the Marines were relocated to Portsmouth.

Mr Ibeson, himself a former military man, who had just moved to Dover at the time,

said: "There was a threat of bombing at my previous museum in Aldershot, but the Deal bombing came completely out of the blue.

"It wasn't thought of as a target – it was a music school, not a military establishment.

"It was a soft target just as the attack on the military postal service, [but] I think it hardened the resolve of Britain to sort the problem out and deal with the IRA."

The bombing was part of a campaign by

the republican IRA against the British Armed Forces during the 20 years they deployed troops in Northern Ireland.

Part of the site was later cleared, and some of it converted into flats but an annual service is held at the site of the explosion in memory of those killed and injured.

• **For more information about Dover Museum's project call 01303 4201 066 or email linda.mewes@dover.gov.uk.**

## DVD a timely reminder of barracks' history

RARE archive footage will give viewers an insight into the history of the Royal Marines Barracks in Deal.

Phil Heath, of Dover-based production company Heathwood Studios, has put the film together for a new DVD called Time Marches On.

The film is being released to mark the 20th anniversary of the darkest day in the barracks' history, when an IRA bomb exploded on September 22, 1989, killing 11 young musicians and injuring 20 more.

At the time the barracks was in use as the Royal Marines School of Music, but its history dates back to shortly after the outbreak of the French Revolution.

In more modern times, units were stationed at the site for specialised duties including manning the coastal defence guns and the commando team that raided Dieppe in 1942.



Pictures: PHIL HEATH

**ARCHIVE FOOTAGE:** DVD recalls life at the former Royal Marine barracks in Deal

The DVD also shows the lighter side to life in the barracks including the annual pantomimes that were held to raise money for charities and entertain local children at Christmas.

The school of music moved to the barracks in the early 1950s and did not leave until the early 1990s when the base was closed and relocated to Portsmouth.

Mr Heath said that 10 per cent from the

profits of the DVD would go to the Royal Marines Benevolent fund.

• **Don't miss out – in next weekend's paper there will be an exclusive offer for all of our readers to order a Time Marches On DVD plus the Hop Pickers' Holiday DVD – both for only £10 each (normal price £14.99) pick up your paper next week to order your DVDs.**



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# Fabulous artefacts from when Kent was a kingdom

THIS perfectly preserved pair of glass cups was found when the grave of an Anglo-Saxon warrior was uncovered during building work on a new pub.

The burial place was one of more than 200 uncovered at a site in Sittingbourne, known as The Meads.

Other finds included swords, spears, shields, decorative beads and jewellery, as well as fragments of clothing.

In all 2,500 objects were unearthed and they are now being cleaned and catalogued.

But instead of the work taking place at the British Museum, it is being carried out in shop fronts in Sittingbourne town centre – next door to the burial site itself.

"This is unique," said Andrew Richardson of Canterbury Archaeological Trust, who supervised the excavations.



"Instead of the work being carried out behind closed doors, it's being done where visitors can see what's taking place. The cleaning is being done by volunteers, under expert supervision."

Soil and debris are being cleaned from the objects, which will be scanned by an X-ray machine to reveal hidden details.

A total of 229 Saxon graves were discovered, along with four burials dating from the Bronze Age.

They were of men, women and children,

with some having swords, spears and shields buried with them.

Several of the burials were of high-ranking members of the Saxon ruling class, judging by the objects discovered with them.

Mr Richardson said: "The graves date from the 6th or 7th centuries when Kent was a kingdom, one of the wealthiest and most sophisticated in England."

"The king and his royal court would have travelled from place to place, with Canterbury and Faversham important centres."

County archaeologist Lis Dyson said: "This gives us a fascinating insight into what life was like in this part of Kent 1,400 years ago."

"The presence of some very rich graves suggests the area was important at the time the kingdom of Kent was emerging."

To see this clip search 'Saxon' @ yourkenttv.co.uk



View Anglo-Saxon finds from The Meads

By JENNA PUDELEK

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## 'Talking shop' jibe dismissed by minister

THE Minister for the South East has brushed aside criticism of an inaugural meeting to discuss the region's economy.

Jonathan Shaw, the Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford, hailed the first regional grand committee as a "historic day for regional accountability" and "very useful".

But deputy leader of Medway Council Cllr Alan Jarrett said the meeting was a "complete waste of time, money and energy".

He claimed South East MPs had boycotted the meeting because only 21 out of the 82 turned up, and added: "The committee meetings are intended to give the impression that the Government is devolving powers locally, but in reality these grand committees are just talking shops with no real powers."

Minister Mr Shaw said important issues for the region including housing, transport and infrastructure were discussed at the meeting in Reading, Berkshire, on Monday.

Responding to Cllr Jarrett's claims, Mr Shaw said MPs did not boycott the event. He said: "Lots of people were there and we had a good, energised debate. I hope we can have a future one in Kent. There were MPs from all parts of the region and Kent – including Dr Stephen Ladyman

and [Conservative] Michael Fallon."

He said the meeting involved questions being "fired" at him before he led a debate, saying he was really in the "hot seat".

Dr Ladyman, the Labour MP for Thanet South, asked what recent discussions Mr Shaw had with ministers in the Department for Energy and Climate Change on the proposal for a carbon capture and storage (CCS) cluster in the south east.

E.ON wants to build a new coal-fired power plant at Kingsnorth using the technology.

The energy giant wants the new plant to be the centre of a Thames cluster capable of capturing carbon from other power stations and burying it under the North Sea.

Mr Shaw said: "I've met with industry bodies to discuss CCS proposals for the Thames Estuary and I will be meeting again soon."

"I'm in discussion with colleagues at the Department for Energy in

advance to these meetings.

"We've got the potential to be world leaders, creating some of the most advanced CCS anywhere and thousands of jobs could stream from that."

He said the role of the South East England Development Agency (Seed) was debated.

"The agency has a really important job to do working in partnership with local authorities," he said.

"We were assessing its economic contribution to things such as Thanet Earth and the China Gateway, and there are many other examples."

"It's been really successful, but it has to have more accountability and the new focus will provide for that."

Mr Shaw said the meeting discussed the use of new technologies and the economic effects of the new high-speed rail line on Thanet, Dover and Folkestone.

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# Speed cameras on the hunt for phone offences



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MOTORISTS are being warned that speed cameras will soon be taking pictures of drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts.

They will also be taking pictures of drivers who are chatting on hand-held mobiles.

The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership's camera vans will be working on the new offences on a "permanent basis".

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

But while Ian Taylor, from the Kent branch of the Association of British Drivers, broadly welcomed the move, he voiced some reservations.

## Robotic

He said: "I still think this is a job for the police who can administer some common sense to each incident. "These cameras are operating a sort of automatic robotic justice to make

money and that is not a good thing.

"A police officer can throw the book at someone who is doing something dangerous, but just give a stern talking to when someone deserves it. They can assess on the spot what sort of punishment is required.

"Making people wear seat belts is something to be welcomed, along with not talking on mobile phones, but it wasn't too long ago we were on things like CB radios in cars and no-one said anything about those.

"And even the police were using

radios that required one hand on the wheel and another holding in a button on their microphones."

Enforcement starts on October 5, said the Partnership, though new signs can be seen on the county's roads now.

## Casualties

If a camera snaps a passenger not wearing a seat belt, the registered keeper of the vehicle will be sent a notice requiring them to identify the passenger. It will be three points and a £60 fine for speeding and using a phone, and a fine only for not wearing a belt.

Partnership chairman Ian Procter said: "Our camera operators witness offences other than speeding being committed at camera sites.

"Safety cameras are posi-

tioned where people have been killed or seriously injured, so by reducing the number of offences at these sites we hope to lower casualties even further."

In Kent, it claims 10 per cent of motorists were not wearing belts during roadside surveys and one per cent were on the phone.

Chief Insp Roscoe Walford, of Kent Police, added: "This activity is in addition to the enforcement already carried out by Kent Police officers, which itself has doubled in the last two years.

"There are four main factors that contribute to collisions that end with serious consequences; speeding, being distracted, like talking on the telephone; not wearing a seat belt and drink driving. The use of camera vans will help address three out of these four factors."

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## Ex cancer victim takes the plunge

A MOTHER-of-two who battled two types of cancer is set to take part in a charity abseil, *writes Jenna Pudelek.*

Lesley Harvey has survived breast cancer and thyroid cancer and now she's urging other people to join Cancer Research UK's challenge to jump 200ft down Miller House in Maidstone in October.

The 55-year-old, who lives in Walderslade, Chatham, said: "I'm really looking forward to it.

"I thought that's something I could do to show people there's life after cancer.

"You can get on with your life afterwards and try and carry on as normal.

"I'm back at work full time and I'm going to the gym quite a lot.

"It has definitely made me appreciate life and I don't put things off anymore."

Mrs Harvey, who works at Kent County Council, found out 10 years ago that she had the BRCA1 gene, which means a person is at higher risk of certain types of cancer including breast and ovarian.

Speaking about her decision to take the genetic test, she said there was a history of breast cancer in the family spreading back generations.

"I'm glad I went ahead with it because I was being monitored every year with mammograms at the breast clinic," she said.

"When the lump was discovered it was very small and that is the best way to treat it."

Mrs Harvey was diagnosed with breast cancer during one of her regular appointments in 2007, and had a double mastec-



**JUMPING TO IT: Lesley Harvey**

tomy, reconstructive surgery and numerous doses of chemotherapy at St Thomas' Hospital in London.

She still has a check-up every six months to make sure the cancer has not returned.

The thyroid cancer was spotted in 2008, during one of her trips to the London hospital for treatment. The cancers were completely unrelated and she said she was "doubly unlucky".

But now she has been given the all-clear.

She said she hopes her two daughters will take the gene test when they are in their late 30s.

The abseil takes place on October 17 and there are two ropes so that people can take part in pairs.

To take part in the 'pink plunge' visit [www.jointhefight.org.uk](http://www.jointhefight.org.uk), email [g.gough@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:g.gough@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07765 896 879.



# Website a memorial to village's fallen heroes

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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DETAILS of the fallen heroes from a village are now available online for the first time.

The records contain memorial inscriptions to those in the Armed Forces from Farningham who died in the two world wars.

In addition, there are also biographical details and stories of the battles in which they fought.

This is all thanks to the continuing work of the Kent Archaeological Society.

Member Frank Bamping has spent several years researching the Dartford village's roll of honour.

The village war memorial is all but hidden from easy view in the churchyard and unusually does not include the names of those who never returned home.

Mr Bamping said: "Instead they are inscribed on plaques within the parish church of SS Peter and Paul."

His work is highly regarded by those looking into their family history and war history researchers unable to visit the church.

Mr Bamping said: "Now that more than 90 years have elapsed since the end of World War One and over 60 since the peace of World War Two, the remembering of these names has become increasingly more difficult."



**SACRIFICE:** A roll of honour detailing Farningham's war heroes is now online

"So in the spirit of family history research, short biographical details of these names will serve as a reminder of their commitment."

"No claim is made for their completeness or their accuracy, as it is well known that this is almost impossible, but they are offered here for the generations to come."

He revealed some of the moving stories behind the names.

Among the most tragic experiences of Farningham residents were those of Mr and Mrs WH Gregory of 4 London Road; and James and Sarah Spier of 2 Mary

Villas, who both lost two sons in WWI; and Lt Col Herbert GK Oswald Moseley and Margherita M Moseley of Fairacre, Dartford Road, who lost a son and a daughter in WWII.

George W Gregory, 23, of the Rifle Brigade was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme – Saturday, July 1, 1916. His brother, Sidney, 18, of the Labour Corps died on November 18, 1918, a week after the Armistice, probably a victim of the 1918 influenza pandemic.

Herbert J Spier, 30, of the Royal West Surrey Regiment, was killed on the Ypres Salient in September 1917; his brother Walter, 29, of the East Surrey Regiment, died only three weeks before the Armistice. Neither of them has a known grave.

Lt Oswald A Moseley, 26, was lost when his ship, HMS Charybdis, was torpedoed in October, 1943; his sister, Joyce M Moseley, 27, a driver with the Auxiliary Territorial Service died in 1945 – but details of her service career and the circumstances of her death are not known.

Joyce's death is the most recent one commemorated on the WWII roll of honour. The first is Francis W Shearmur, 20, son of Francis and Lily Shearmur of Green Street Green, who was training to be a pilot and died four days before Christmas 1940, probably in a flying accident.

• **For more information, visit [www.kentarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk).**

## Dual carriageway plans hit roadblock

THE long-awaited plans for dualling on the A21 have been delayed after a red tape snarl up.

The official process was due to start this month but has been delayed until December – although the Secretary of State for Transport has promised the overall project remains on track.

In a letter to the Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells, Greg Clark, the Secretary of State for Transport, Lord Adonis, said problems with traffic survey data have delayed the publication of the draft Statutory Orders relating to the Tonbridge-Pembury section of the A21.

Mr Clark said: "This is disappointing news. We breathed a sigh of relief in June when we received the Secretary of State's written intention that the official process for the dualling of the A21 would get under way in September."

"So it is extremely frustrating that a bureaucratic problem has caused this delay."

## Rare bike is back

A RARE motorbike worth £1,000 that had been stolen in Rochester has been recovered.

The orange Austrian KTM t953mkk bike was taken from Hybrid Close on Monday, September 14.

The owner of the bike saw it being driven in Fairlead Road on Thursday, September 16, at about 10.50pm.

The rider dropped the bike and ran off. He is aged 15-18, 5ft 9ins and wore dark-coloured tracksuit bottoms, jacket and crash helmet.

The motorbike is one of only about five in the country.



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# 'There's nowhere to hide'



In the fourth week of our behind-the-scenes examination of Kent Police, we take a look at the work of the police helicopter. Costs of the aircraft are shared with the Essex force across the Thames Estuary. JANE BARLOW talks to Chief Insp Richard Watson about the benefits of Kent's eye in the sky



THERE'S nowhere to hide and no escape when the police helicopter swings into action.

That is the message from Chief Insp Richard Watson of Kent Police, the man in charge of the aircraft's movements in the county.

The helicopter is a Eurocopter EC135, a special police spec aircraft and is the machine most commonly used by forces in the UK.

It can be called out for a variety of reasons: to help find a missing child or vulnerable adult; to track a stolen car; or to find a sus-

pect hiding under the cover of darkness.

In recent weeks it has been used at a Gillingham FC fixture, helping officers policing Priestfield stadium and the town, helped find a missing boy from Minster, and chased armed robbers in a getaway car at Lamberhurst.

The helicopter was used when two groups of youths met in Medway. The aircraft helped officers discover where they were meeting, where they were coming from and identified those carrying weapons.

On-board cameras took photographs and as a result youths were arrested and

charged. With others, police showed video footage to their parents to make them aware of what their children were getting involved in.

The helicopter was also used to help recover two stolen dumper trucks worth £200,000 which were about to be shipped to Poland.

The trucks were fitted with tracking devices which the aircraft was able to find.

Chief Insp Watson said: "The helicopter is technology which helps us to do our job better. It can do so much more than we can on the ground. It can cover areas we couldn't even consider covering before. For example, to search a field at night might take 20 officers an hour, but it would take the helicopter a matter of minutes.

"It allows us to use resources on the ground better. Having it overhead makes people feel safer, it makes officers feel secure – and tells criminals that there's no escape."

The helicopter has been jointly run by Kent Police and Essex Police since April, 2008. It is used in Kent most days.

The aircraft can travel at 160mph. On board is a civilian pilot employed by the police and two police observers. It is fitted with a thermal-imaging camera which detects anyone hiding by tracking body heat. It has a searchlight with the power of 30 million candles and is also equipped with a loud hailer.

A radio link allows the crew to speak to officers at the scene and a downloading link ensures footage from the air can be seen by police on the ground.

The helicopter helps deter criminal activity. People are unlikely to break the law if



FLYING: Chief Insp Watson

Chief Insp Watson said.

The aircraft can give police an overview at events such as a music festivals. From the air, officers can identify issues before they become problems, helping promote public safety and monitoring movements.

Ch Insp Watson said: "I'm convinced the helicopter makes the public more confident in Kent Police, knowing we're doing all we can to catch criminals and keep the public safe."



## FACT FILE

### Eye in the sky

- The helicopter can travel at 160mph.
- The aircraft attended 558 incidents between April, 2008, and March, 2009, assisting in the arrests of 50 people
- It helped locate 13 vulnerable people.
- It located 14 stolen vehicles with a total value of £120,000.
- It searched just under 900,000 sq km.

## Up to no good? Then your **NUM13ER'S** up

MURDERERS and shoplifters may be at different ends of the criminal spectrum, but thanks to new police technology they have at least one thing in common – they are equally vulnerable behind the wheel.

Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras make it easier than ever before for officers to identify vehicles linked to criminal activity, ranging from motorists with no insurance to getaway cars used in armed robberies.

Kent Police have so far invested £5.3 million in the system, which draws on information from national databases and flags up vehicles of interest in the blink of an eye. Chief Insp Richard Watson heads the ANPR team. He said: "There are people who say it's like Big Brother, but I'd have no need to look at your car if you weren't involved in crime. The link is

Kent is leading the way with new technology that monitors vehicle number plates. Critics have called it a Big Brother-style system for watching our every move, but Kent Police say the benefits are huge in the fight against crime, as well keeping dodgy drivers off the roads. STEVE KNIGHT went to have a look

about the vehicle, not necessarily the person inside it. It's an intelligent way of us knowing which vehicles to stop.

"Whenever someone commits a crime they are vulnerable while in that vehicle. With ANPR there are eyes and ears all over the county."

Kent Police have cameras in undisclosed locations throughout the county, with more than a million vehicle movements recorded a day. Motorists without tax, MoT or insurance

are most at risk of being stopped due to the system being linked to the DVLA database, although officers can also ask it to keep an eye out for registration numbers of vehicles used in criminal activity.

Chief Insp Watson said: "It's very effective. Recently we used it to capture workmen who were defrauding elderly victims. We caught them red-handed, which was fantastic. Having to drive around in their work vehicle made them vulnerable. We put a target on it and when the ANPR flagged it up, we caught them going back to an address.

"But the lack of things like tax and insurance also displays a certain lifestyle. I pay my tax and my car has an MoT. If someone doesn't pay that, what else don't they do?"

Kent Police also have a team of dedicated ANPR officers who can set up wherever they want and stop any vehicles flagged up.

When we were invited to witness their work last month, the team chose the New Road area that links Chatham with Rochester.

PC Gryff Rees manned the ANPR hub – an unmarked vehicle with cameras and computers – while his colleagues stopped any cars, trucks, vans or bikes the computer indicated were suspicious.

To ensure none escape attention, different sounds are allocated to certain discrepancies. For instance, "hallelujah" can be heard when the registration number of a stolen vehicle is caught on camera. Police can switch databases depending on what they are looking for. New Road is notorious for prostitutes and the ideal location for ANPR to keep a lookout for kerb-crawlers.



STOPPED: Police check a vehicle flagged up by ANPR in New Road, Chatham

Each patrol vehicle is fitted with a touch-screen device linked to the same databases as the main computer and also lets officers access the Kent Police intranet and emails.

Chief Insp Watson said: "It's a fantastic tool. My plan is to expand it as much as possible so every patrol car has it. We are nearly there now, because 75 per cent of them do.

"We are leading the country with ANPR. We've invested £5.3m in it – and that money has been very well spent."



## FACT FILE

### ANPR – leading the way

- Kent Police started using ANPR in 2002.
- Cameras read a million number plates a day.
- Kent has the largest ANPR system in the country, outside London.
- Kent Police are leaders in the use of ANPR nationally.
- Officers can monitor ANPR while on patrol. About 50 vehicles have been equipped with the system.
- More than £5m has been spent on the system, in partnership with Government and local authorities.



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# Victorian 'prospectus' is a snapshot in time



A RARE photographic book dating from 1860 and giving insights into Kentish life in the Victorian period has turned up in a south London auction house

Crispin Jackson, books specialist at Rosebery's Auctioneers of West Norwood, said the most exciting thing about the book, which showcases properties owned by Thomas Wedgwood of the celebrated china manufacturing family, was the images themselves.

"You have to remember that photography dates from the mid-1830s, when the father of the science, Henry Fox Talbot, first started taking primitive prints, and so 1860 is very early for a book of this sort," he said.

"The pictures, some of which include top-hatted gents in the foreground, are extraordinarily vivid and evocative: the book really is a wonderful survival."

The book is called Particulars of Bredgar Parsonage Farm and Swanton Farm and contains detailed information about the two homes as well as six hand-tinted images called Photographed from Nature, by the Hertford photographer A Elsdon.

## 3-D effect

"It appears to be the Victorian equivalent of an estate agent's brochure," said Mr Jackson.

"The text provides details of the rooms, woods and fields in and around the two houses, and the photographs have been carefully touched up with watercolour to give the best possible impression of the properties and the surrounding land."

"Two of them are even 'stereoscopic views', with identical photographs placed side-by-side so that, when viewed through a 'stereoscope', you get a 3-D effect."

Parsonage Farm, which is on the North Downs, near Sittingbourne, still exists today.

The album provides a glimpse into life in Victorian Kent, Mr Jackson said: "Everyone knows that all big houses had a wine cellar, but Bredgar Parsonage Farm also had a beer cellar, which was 15ft long and the wine cellar was 4ft 6ins."

The printed descriptions of the houses are full of estate agent jargon, which is still used today with 'beautiful' views and 'luxurious' orchards.

Mr Jackson said the book is made of leather with gold edging containing

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

detailed descriptions of the houses including the number of rooms and even their current status such as who was renting them at the

time and when their leases were up.

He said it appeared in a box of mixed books from a seller he did not name, but who lived in London.

"My feeling is that they were going to sell the estate and this was a prospectus," he said. "It's unusual because it is not a painted book – the

**CHANCE FIND:** Picture from the rare book

text is printed, but the pictures are stuck in.

"It is really pretty early for photographs of this kind."

The album goes under the hammer at Rosebery's on November 3, with an estimate of £100-150. For enquires email Mr Jackson at book@roseberys.co.uk or call 07968 041 874.

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**BREAST BY FAR:** Sidney the dog reading about his appearance in our Yourpapers series, next to winning breast mug and Darth Vader mug

# Mug breast of the rest

THIS All the Breast mug, pictured with Sid the dog, has been crowned the winner of the first Ugly Mug Amnesty, *writes Jon Coates.*

Kurstie Long, from Folkestone, entered as soon as we opened the hunt for the ugliest mug in Kent.

The mug, which belongs to her mum Louise, was the front-runner throughout most of the two-month search.

But it was nearly pipped at the finishing post by a frog mug sent in by Maggie Francis of Penenden Heath, Maidstone, two weeks ago.

Her snap of her drinking receptacle nestled in a pot plant holder has been awarded second place in the Ugly Mug Amnesty.

Third place goes to pensioner William Harrison, 61, from Canterbury, who helps out as a volunteer for Age Concern Canterbury.

KOS Media launched the search for the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county to kickstart Macmillan Cancer Support's major fund-raising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

## Coffee morning

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We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active across Kent helping patients and their families deal with cancer.



**RUNNER UP:** Maggie Francis's frog mug (top) in a pot plant holder at her home

**TO TAKE** part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

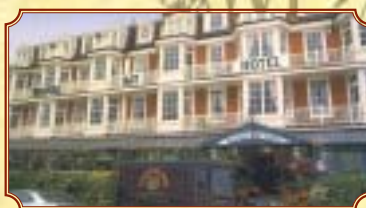
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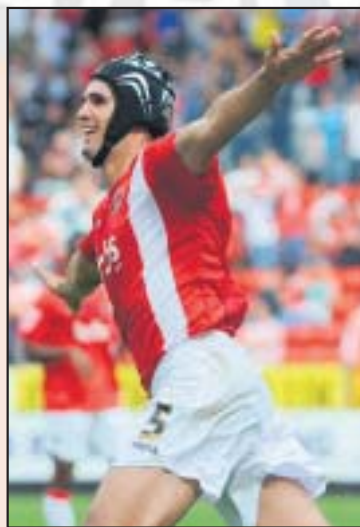
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# 'Playing with fire will cost lives'

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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## Safety chief's warning to young woodland arsonists

THE fire service will back the prosecution of youngsters who start grass and woodland fires – and that could mean time in prison if a court decides that lives have been put in danger.

That's the warning from Kent Fire and Rescue Service after the number of arson attacks has risen dramatically this year.

A leading specialist said deliberate fires have the potential to get out of hand, causing serious injury or even death.

If that happens and the person who started it is caught, the fire service will fully back the police in bringing criminal court proceedings.

Firefighters are now asking the people of Kent to be extra vigilant in the fight to stop the blazes starting in the first place.

### Deliberate

Since September 1, firefighters have attended 241 fires started deliberately, compared with 146 for the same period last year.

Over the past three summer periods between April 1 and September 30, the percentage of deliberate fires that have been identified as being caused by those aged between 10-17 years is 47, and nearly five per cent by those under nine.

Recent attacks include one at Howe Barracks, Canterbury, on Monday last week.

Fire crews were confronted with a rapidly developing fire in the gorse and undergrowth, with strong winds fanning the flames and hampering operations.

Six fire engines along with 40 firefighters



**DANGER: Stuart Skilton says youngsters who start woodland fires (left) are putting lives at risk**

attended the blaze. Fire crews spent five hours at the scene, which saw three hectares of grassland destroyed by fire.

Elsewhere, in the past two weeks Medway's fire crews have attended 10 incidents in the Coney Banks and Magpie Hall Road area.

All of these grass and scrubland fires are believed to have been started deliberately by young people.

Another incident in the county saw two teenagers arrested in connection with a huge straw fire that caused an estimated £10,000 of damage.

The 120-tonne stack fire in Botolphs Bridge Road, West Hythe, saw firefighters from Dymchurch, Hythe, Lydd and New

Romney spending 36 hours at the scene.

Head of community safety, Stuart Skilton, said the arson has to stop before people are killed.

He said: "We usually expect an increase in deliberate fires during the school holidays, however, such a dramatic rise in comparison to last year figures is seriously worrying. Young people need to be very clear that arson is a crime and certainly not harmless fun."

"Deliberate fires are destructive and dangerous; those who cause them are putting themselves, firefighters and others at serious risk."

"Not only does deliberate fire setting have an impact on the environment and community in which we all live and work, it also has the

potential to divert valuable fire fighting resources away from other incidents such as house fires or road traffic collisions where lives may be in danger."

He added: "We will provide evidence to the police to back a prosecution. That means some teenagers could end up going to prison if it is found in court they put lives at risk."

"This is not just a harmless prank. Setting fire to rubbish or grass is arson, a very serious crime and because it is grass or wood, people tend to forget that."

"These fires can sometimes spread out of control and may even reach homes. It doesn't bear thinking about."

"We have seen the wildfires in the USA. The conditions here are slightly different, but it is possible for these fires to get out of control."

"We don't want to see young people ruin their lives by having to serve prison sentences, so our advice is simple – don't do it."

"Parents need to do their bit too and educate their children on the dangers and consequences."

He said adults should keep matches and lighters out of the way of children and remind them that they are not toys.

Mr Skilton said: "We'd also like to encourage parents who know their children have shown an interest in setting or playing with fire, to refer them to our Firesetters advisory scheme for us to provide education on the dangers of their action."

"This is a free service undertaken by community safety officers so please contact us on 01622 698360."

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17.30-18.30 **Body Balance**  
18.30-19.30 **Dance Style Aerobics**  
19.30-20.15 **Body Combat**  
20.15-21.15 **Body Pump**

#### STUDIO 2

06.45-07.30 **Early Spin**  
09.30-10.30 **Body Step**  
11.45-12.45 **Stretch, Tone & Relax**  
17.00-17.45 **Vibe Cycle**  
18.00-18.45 **Spin**  
18.45-19.45 **Beginners Yoga**  
20.00-21.00 **Pilates**

#### AQUA

10.30-11.30 **Aqua Aerobics**

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS

09.30-10.30 **Plan B**

### tuesday

#### STUDIO 1

09.30-10.30 **Total Body Blast**  
10.30-11.30 **Pilates 1**  
12.30-14.00 **Yoga**  
17.15-17.45 **Ab Attack**  
18.00-19.00 **Legs, Bums, Tums**  
19.00-20.00 **Body Combat**

#### STUDIO 2

06.45-07.30 **Spin**  
09.30-10.30 **Vibe Cycle**  
10.45-11.30 **Self Defence**  
17.15-18.00 **Vibe Cycle**  
18.15-19.00 **On the Ball**  
19.15-20.15 **Vibe Cycle**

#### AQUA

09.30-10.15 **Aqua Aerobics**  
11.30-12.30 **Swimfit**  
19.00-19.45 **Aqua Aerobics**

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS

18.00-19.00 **Plan B**

### wednesday

#### STUDIO 1

06.45-07.45 **Body Pump**  
09.30-10.30 **Double Step**  
10.30-11.30 **Total Body Blast**  
11.30-12.30 **Body Pump**  
12.45-13.45 **Hi/Lo Aerobics**  
17.00-17.45 **Bosu**  
18.00-19.00 **Pump up the Max**  
19.15-20.15 **Boxercise**

#### STUDIO 2

09.30-10.30 **Gym Fusion**  
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19.30-20.15 **Vibe Cycle**

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09.30-10.15 **Aqua Aerobics**  
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### thursday

#### STUDIO 1

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11.00-12.00 **Pilates 1**  
15.30-16.45 **Yoga**  
17.30-18.00 **Dirty Abs**  
18.00-19.00 **Body Combat**  
19.00-20.00 **Body Pump**  
20.20-21.00 **Circuits**

#### STUDIO 2

06.45-07.45 **Vibe Cycle**  
09.15-10.15 **Vibe Cycle**  
10.30-11.30 **Hi Energy Aerobics**  
18.00-19.15 **Yoga**  
19.45-20.30 **Vibe Cycle**

#### AQUA

09.30-10.15 **Aqua Aerobics**  
18.45-19.30 **Aqua Aerobics**

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS

19.00-20.00 **Plan B**

### friday

#### STUDIO 1

06.45-07.30 **Vinyasa Flow**  
09.30-10.30 **Body Step**  
11.45-12.30 **On the Ball**  
12.30-13.30 **Mind, Body & Soul**  
18.30-19.30 **Salsacise**

#### STUDIO 2

09.30-10.30 **Pilates 2**  
10.45-11.30 **Body Balance**  
13.15-14.00 **Spin**  
17.00-18.00 **Vibe Cycle**  
18.15-19.15 **Pilates 1**

#### AQUA

09.15-10.15 **Swim Fit**  
10.30-11.15 **Aqua Aerobics**

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS

11.00-12.00 **Plan B**

### saturday

#### STUDIO 1

08.15-09.15 **Boxercise**  
09.30-10.30 **Body Pump**  
10.45-11.45 **Body Balance**  
12.00-12.45 **Kidz Fit 5-8yrs**  
12.45-13.45 **Kidz fit 8-11yrs**

#### STUDIO 2

08.15-09.00 **Vibe Cycle**  
09.30-10.30 **Vibe Cycle**

#### AQUA

10.30-11.15 **Aqua Aerobics**

### sunday

#### STUDIO 1

10.30-11.30 **Body Pump**  
11.45-12.45 **Yoga**

#### STUDIO 2

09.15-10.15 **Spin**

#### AQUA

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# Despite sat-navs and internet mapping a British icon is still leading the way

# Keeping up with the digital age is as easy as A to Z

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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SALES may be down, but sat-navs have not spelt the end for paper maps, according to the head of iconic atlas-maker A-Z.

The Geographers' A-Z Map Company, which is based in Borough Green, near Sevenoaks, has been making maps since 1936, when its founder Phyllis Pearsall MBE challenged and changed the cartographic industry.

More than 340 products are now on offer from the company, but over the last five years the growing popularity of in-car satellite navigation systems (sat-navs) and internet route planning have shaken the paper mapping market.

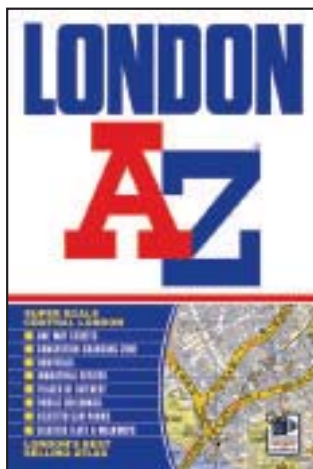
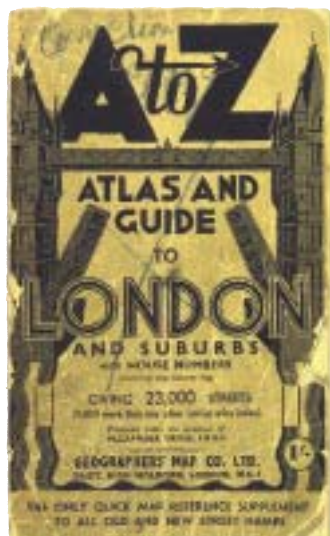
Norman Dennison, joint managing director of A-Z, said: "Obviously we've been hit by not only sat-navs, but the free use of internet mapping like Google and Multimap.

"We've had to keep up with the technology and our maps are now available on mobile phones, CDs and specific sat-navs.

"But the primary part of our business is still the paper map, which is still selling."

He said that sales of paper maps had fallen over the past few years due to the advent of digital technology, although he said the actual figures were confidential.

However, Mr Dennison was confident A-Z products complimented high-tech navigation systems,



**CHANGING FACE:** An A-Z from 1936 and the version available now

which had the potential not to work. Asked if he thought paper maps would eventually be redundant as technology improves, he said: "Far from it. As we are finding, the sales are still pretty good on road atlases in particular.

## Loyalty

"Our sales figures are down as opposed to four to five years ago, but we are still making a good living out of the paper maps produced.

"Really the digital maps we produce for mobile phones and sat-navs are only a small part of our overall turnover."

Sat-nav technology has also forced the company to improve and inno-

vate products and now road atlases are available with the latest speed camera information.

He said: "That is as a direct result of sat-navs. We have also added postcodes against places of interest so people using sat-navs and studying a road atlas first for wherever they are going can use the reference and put it into the sat-nav."

The company has also retained a loyal customer base, Mr Dennison added: "There are a lot of people that would not entertain the idea of sat-navs.

"It is a bit different if you are in a car, but if you are at home and you want to go somewhere it is good to be able to look at a book."



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Jessica Elliott, of Strood, graduated from Exeter College, Oxford University, this year with a first-class degree in classics and modern languages and is soon continuing her studies to become a barrister.

The 22-year-old comes from a modest background and was the first person in her family to receive a private education after she won a scholarship to King's Rochester aged eight.

Her mother Deborah did not know what an independent school was, but she found out as her daughter was thrown into a world of extra curricular activities and ancient traditions.

"I've never found any door has been closed for me and it is just amazing the opportunities out there," she said.



**Jessica Elliott and mother Deborah**

"You think there is no where to go, but at every turning point people have been there to open doors and provide financial backing."

Miss Elliott's mother had been suffering for years with the autoimmune condition lupus and had a series of mini-strokes.

But later vasculitis (inflammation of blood vessels) caused her first serious disability and by the time Miss

Elliott was doing her GCSEs her mother could only walk with a stick. And during her A-levels she had to spend all her time at home caring for her mother and her disabled grandmother.

King's gave her a room at the boarding houses so she could study during exam week. "At university, I received a similar wealth of assistance and support," she said, "the college even paid my fees for joining the rowing and rugby teams."

In her final year, her mother's condition deteriorated and after several emergency hospital trips at Christmas she was unable to leave the house.

Her tutors cut down her workload and offered psychological help.

Miss Elliott said her mother's condition had stabilised and she is spending time at home before going to London to do her law conversion course.

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## Turn 'food miles' into 'food feet'



FROM farmers to fishmongers, Kent has always boasted a strong agriculture industry, with a rich supply of top-quality produce.

The county has some of the most productive fields and bountiful orchards in the UK, producing mountains of food and drink for people living nearby and further afield.

Some 86 per cent of the land in Kent is rural, with a contribution to the county's economy amounting to £600 million. In the past it was a much larger part of life in Kent, with about 42,000 people employed in agriculture.

Today, a higher proportion of Kentish people work in farming than any other county in Britain, although times are hard.

But plenty of farmers continue the proud heritage of rural Kent, from raising crops and rearing cattle to growing fruit and digging vegetables. As the industry continues to struggle in the face of rising costs, it is now more important than ever before for local people to support farmers in the county.

But just what does 'buying local' mean?

Well, it starts with locality. Buying locally means your fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and bread have all been grown, reared, caught or made in your surrounding countryside and sea.

You know, when you buy locally, that the money you pay will go back to helping a person and company in your county, which will in turn benefit the region economically.

Also imperative is that buying locally means the term 'food miles' can often be changed to 'food feet'.

In some cases, you can buy food which has literally been picked or produced just hours or days earlier, rather than preserved for weeks to travel from abroad. The average item in a supermarket has travelled more than 1,000 miles to get to your

### We are repeatedly told the benefits of buying local produce – but what does it really mean? **RACHEL MCATHY** looks at what Kent has to offer and why the very future of the county depends on it

kitchen, causing harm to the environment. Local produce will be fresher and contain more nutrients and vitamins, providing a boost for your health as well as your conscience.

Fresher food will taste better also, which is a benefit which can truly speak for itself as you tuck in to a juicy Kent strawberry or ripe tomato from a county vine. The argument about variety in supermarkets also goes out the window when you consider the assortment of foods on offer in Kent.

As well as traditional vegetables which develop in Kentish soil, the county produces fabulous fruits, with more than enough choice, such as strawberries, raspberries, apples, plums and pears to name a few.

It is not just on land that Kent produces an abundance of produce. At sea it harvests plentiful supplies of seafood, from some of the best wild bass in the country to Dover sole and lemon sole.

The beauty of having waters so rich in sealife, means Kent fishermen return every few days with quality catches – and it is only a short journey to a county fishmonger.

For the customer, this means picking up beautifully fresh fish, often just hours out of the sea. The list of Kent produce is almost endless, with meats, cheeses, wines, juices, breads and sweet treats, just a handful of the delights on offer.

Doug Wanstall is from Foodforkent.co.uk. It currently distributes £170,000 of local produce a month and is growing fast. He said as well as economic benefits, buying local supports better living conditions for animals. But he said the industry is facing some difficulty at the moment. "There is no doubt that the importance of food production has gone down over the years, because everything else has escalated," Mr Wanstall said.

"But we want to put it back on the map. We have some of the best restaurants and food outlets and the best food producers in the country. If we all just use what is in our county, we would keep the money in the county."

He added that losing the local food industry would be an "immeasurable loss to Kent".

But Julie Monkman, from Produced in Kent, has no fear of this happening, as people become more aware of how they spend their money in the recession. The organisation, which promotes local growers, has 150 members, who together turnover about £12.5m.

"When you look at figures like this you start to see how important it is. It is a vital part of Kent's overall economy," she said.

"In fact, the recession has helped raise awareness of local food, as people think more about what they are buying."

### Kentish flavour adds to Europe's finest at fair

A FOOD and drink fair celebrating the best producers in the county and from throughout Europe arrives in Canterbury next weekend.

The Eurofair and Kent Food and Drink Festival will take place from September 25-27, in the Dane John Gardens.

This year's event will see more food and drink stalls than ever, from vineyards and bakeries to breweries and cheesemakers.

The event will run from 10am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, 10am to 4pm on Sunday. As well as stalls, there will be cooking demonstrations, live entertainment and chances to sample the top produce in Kent and beyond.

To find out more, visit [www.canterburyeurofair.co.uk](http://www.canterburyeurofair.co.uk).



### Farmers' markets near you

SNAP up some of Kent's best local produce at one of the county's farmers' markets. For more information on other markets this week, visit [www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk](http://www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk).



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# Candy's game for a profitable laugh

By **CHRIS MURPHY**  
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CHRISTMAS is coming, and one woman has some advice for parents – buy games and don't open them.

In decades to come they'll be worth a fortune says Candy Lovegrove from Broadstairs, who makes a living buying and selling antique games of all descriptions.

She admits she loves them "and strokes them" sometimes, but still prefers to watch television.

It's only genuine antiques that get her juices flowing, but she says some of the classics from the 1960s and '70s command three-figure sums, if they are in immaculate condition with that all-important pristine condition original box.

"It's usually the box that's damaged first and that can affect future price," Candy said.

Her website is chock full of old games, such as a pocket chess set for £10, or even a rare boxed Kojak Target Game, for £30. There is Chad Valley Table Croquet at £75 and The Piggeries priced £90, or a Peter Rabbit race game at £75.

Candy, 66, has run her company for seven years. Previously she dealt in antique furniture, before deciding she was too old to carry it, and before that she was a teacher.

She said: "My real passion now is old jigsaws. It is hard to get hold of them, so if anyone has any, I'd love to hear from them."

"People love the games they remember from childhood. It brings back so many memories of when they were little."

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**GAME ON:** Dealer Candy Lovegrove buys and sells children's toys of yesteryear

PlayStation era, when the only controllers were dice and counters.

The classic Escape From Colditz board game can go for about £70, as will be a perfect example of Buckaroo!

Candy said a good game kept in spotless condition will be a future collectable and advises would-be investors to buy the very best ones every year and put them away for future generations.

She said: "There's no guarantee they'll rocket in price, but at least they won't go down. If you have the space, collect now."

"I hear of families buying some of the oldest games, playing them carefully once at Christmas and then storing them in a damp-free area for the rest of the year."

For more information, call Candy on 01843 602 526 or visit [nostalgia games.net](http://nostalgia games.net).



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## Boris is following Ashford

A CONTROVERSIAL road system pioneered in Kent could soon be established in some of London's busiest areas.

In the experimental scheme, items associated with traffic control were stripped out of Ashford town centre, allowing motorists and pedestrians to share the space and right of way.

Traffic lights, road markings and kerbs were removed in the system, which was first seen in Holland.

Despite criticisms, the scheme has been judged a success and now some of the most famous areas of London are set to give it a go.

The most ambitious plan is for Mayfair, but shared space could also be seen in Princes Street, Edinburgh; a Birmingham suburb; and the seaside resort of Ilfracombe in Devon.

The Department for Transport is so enthusiastic, it has launched a study into the so-called 'naked streets' concept.

By the end of the year, there should be guidance on them for town planners across the UK.

The idea is simple: drivers are so baffled that they drive with extra caution because they have to judge every manoeuvre rather

than blindly following road rules.

Boris Johnson, the mayor of London, wants to implement a policy of 'de-stressing' the capital's streets on a wider basis, starting with the area between Oxford Street in the north to Piccadilly in the south, and Hyde Park in the west to Regent Street in the east.



**STREETWISE:**  
Boris Johnson

It is proposed that traffic lights be removed, along with much conventional street furniture.

It is hoped the changes will also encourage people out of their cars to enjoy a more pleasant environment.

Mr Johnson said: "It's about improving people's journeys and the beauty of our public spaces. As some boroughs have already realised, more and more traffic lights are not always the answer."

"We want to ask the question: What are these lights doing here? What risk are they addressing?"

It has backing from a leading expert, too. Tom Vanderbilt, the author of Traffic, said: "By taking away the assumption that one has nothing to fear, or nothing to look for, in an intersection, and replacing it with a system that requires active vigilance, one can arguably reduce the most serious crashes."



## KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

### Kinship ties keep our society caring

KINSHIP carers who take on the children of friends or relatives who – for whatever reason – can no longer look after them provide an invaluable service.

Clearly it is better to place vulnerable children and young people with friends and family, rather than allow them to go into the fostering or residential home system.

There is a shortage of foster carers, so family and friends carers are helping not only the children, but also stretched social services.

It is not hard to have huge sympathy for people such as the grandmother who unexpectedly has to look after children or teenagers. They are clearly trying to do the right thing by the child – which is hard if they come from challenging backgrounds – and especially if they have limited means.

Her case suggests she stands a good chance of success in her legal battle with KCC.

Deciding whether the authority's system of supporting family and friends carers is fair and legal is obviously a matter for the courts.

But what is clear is carers deserve full and proper support for the service they provide.

### Murray's winging it

CONGRATULATIONS to Kent birdwatcher Murray Wright, who made one of the most exciting sightings ever recorded in the UK this week. The discovery, which experts say is unprecedented, of a tufted puffin normally found the Pacific, in a Swale nature reserve could yet lead to the biggest 'twitch' for years, as birdwatchers descend on the area to catch a glimpse of this rare and exotic visitor.

## OPINION:

MY DAUGHTER and her two friends from school had been anxious about receiving their GCSE results. Success or disappointment, they had planned to party with local boys and girls also celebrating or commiserating their own results.

As it turned out, the party they attended not only included underage drinking which, sadly but realistically was to be expected, but also a plethora of illegal substances were widely on offer.

Claire (not her real name) had told me some time ago that drug culture was endemic among her peers. This seems to be beyond any social divide and is as prevalent in Folkestone's grammar schools, comprehensives and the academy.

At the party, in addition to cannabis, tablets were on offer. Speed, ecstasy, who knows? They didn't. Cocaine was also being snorted. This is among a group of aged from 16 through to late teens.

I'm told drugs are easy and cheap to come by in this town. I've personally witnessed drugs being openly traded on the streets and have had my fill of being in the town centre or outside the all-night shop and seeing the effects of drink and drug-fuelled teenagers.

If the police were serious in their intentions to crack down on crime in this town, then I suggest they would do well to have a few plain-clothes officers monitoring

## 'Will it take a death for police to act?'

### Drug problems in a coastal town is one of the subjects being debated on the blogs section of kentnews.co.uk

Cheriton Road and Tontine Street. I could tell them where the dealers hang out. Apparently my powers of observation are better than that of our constabulary. It's only a question of time before a young person in this town is going to die as a result of an overdose. The police make claims to busting cannabis users but seem to do precious little to stop drugs being peddled to our children.

As for the kids themselves, do they realise or even care that the source of these drugs is organised gangs who may also be running other illegal activities, such as child prostitution? This town needs a reality check as far as drink and drugs are concerned.

Zero tolerance is the only way to get the dealers out of town and to lower the risk of someone being a murder victim of drug fuelled crime or a fatal overdose. **Concerned father, Folkestone (name and address supplied)**

I AM also a parent of two teenage children and drugs are, of course, a concern I share. Police officers also live in the community and

want their children to grow up safely. Far from being complacent, we are doing everything we can to target those further up the chain of supply.

In the last month, police in Folkestone have carried out search warrants, resulting in the seizure of 2,000 cannabis plants, a large amount of cocaine and several arrests. These warrants were executed after intelligence from the community.

We are also using relatively new legislation to target proceeds of crime.

Since January, an expert financial investigator has been based at Folkestone police station, targeting the finances of criminals. Recently a Folkestone man was ordered to pay back £37,000 – the profit from his crimes – or face prison.

Recently we worked with British Transport Police searching passengers for knives and drugs as part of an operation.

However, in addition to enforcement, we are working with education to make children aware of the dangers of drugs, knives and internet paedophiles, and to

ensure they stay safe. Working in partnership with the Serious Organised Crime Agency and other forces, we constantly monitor the supply network.

While we are taking steps to reduce drug supply, the public remains our main source of information on local concerns. For this reason, every ward in Folkestone has a dedicated neighbourhood officer, to work with them to identify local priorities and take action.

I recognise it takes courage to report some incidents. For this reason we encourage readers to use Crimestoppers – 0800 555111 – to make police aware of incidents of concern.

Kent Police have many priorities and we are tackling drug supply in Folkestone. While I am not complacent, there is no evidence the problem is better or worse than similar towns on the south coast.

**Acting Det Chief Insp Jon Holl**

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## Abbey memorial tribute

Readers are no doubt aware of the death last month of Harry Patch, the last UK resident veteran of World War One, and the subsequent announcement by Prime Minister Gordon Brown that there would be a national memorial service in recognition of the passing of that generation.

It has been decided that the service will be in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday, November 11. This will be an important national event attended by public figures and broadcast live on BBC One.

As Lord Lieutenant, the Queen's representative in Kent, I have been asked to assist in letting those interested in attending know how they can apply to join the congregation for this historic service.

The organisers are seeking a wide cross-section of people of any age and walk of life, but related or connected to those who saw service in the Great War in some way and who can represent our frontline county.

The allocation of seats is based on county population and 36 are available for the people of Kent. The tickets will be doubles, which means that an individual selected to attend will be able to bring a spouse, partner, friend or carer.

In the first instance anyone wishing to attend should write or email my office (Cumberland Cottage, Chilham, Kent, CT4 8BX; Allan@allanwillett.org) giving their full contact details together with reasons for wishing to attend the service and their World War One connections, by no later than Tuesday, September 29. If requests exceed the number of seats available, a ballot will be necessary and in that event it is inevitable that some applicants may be unsuccessful.

*Allan Willett, Lord Lieutenant of Kent*

## A hard act to follow

I was interested in what your correspondents said about the Liberal Democrats' prospective

# Railroaded by the facts

I feel compelled to respond to last week's letter from David Worsley, the Labour parliamentary candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, praising the new high-speed trains.

I agree with his comment about Dr Beeching. I was working for British Rail in 1961, in Paddington.

However, there are a few facts he misrepresents. He mentions the last Tory government was "under Michael Howard and David Cameron". At the time this country was actually under Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Howard was Home Secretary, but Mr Cameron wasn't even an MP until 2001.

Another point of which Mr Worsley seems unaware is the only reason we have a high-speed link is due to EU transport policy. There had to be a continuation of the European high-speed service.

It was built with our money, yet isn't it a shame the trains weren't made in the UK? We paid Japan to produce them.

I remember when Labour came to power in 1997. I don't condone Mrs Thatcher's 'selling off the family silver' and destroying essential services, but John Major had begun negotiations for privatisation of the railways in 1997 and, when Labour was elected, it pursued the project to fruition.

It could have withdrawn from the process. So the demise of the railways cannot be fobbed off on the Tories.

I sympathise with the constituents of Folkestone and Hythe if this is their only prospective candidate.

Perhaps Mr Worsley should stand back, catch up with history and, just maybe, try again later.

*Sheila Bransfield, Acol*

parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and the Weald, Peter Carroll.

Many people voted for Ann Widdecombe over the years not because she was a Conservative but because she was a good MP and advocate for the people of Maidstone.

I hope everyone will judge the candidates hoping to take her place not by the colour of the rosette they wear, but by their proven business experience and campaigning skills. Then we will get a worthy successor to Ann.

*Hilary Yorke, Maidstone*

## Burn with discontent

Yes, as your letter last week intimated Alex Hills, the pretence at limiting global warming has descended into farce and is shrouded in hypocrisy.

Go into any city like London in the early morning and you will find skyscrapers ablaze, businesses illuminated, areas brightly lit, street lights everywhere and power being wasted in vast quantities. Yet we can't have

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100-watt bulbs. China's building coal-fired stations like there's no tomorrow; rainforests and other areas constituting the world's 'lungs' are disappearing at an alarming rate; and other countries are polluting the world on our behalf to supply us with the goods we need – yet not using 100-watt lamps is going to somehow save the world.

The Government is happy to sanction more airport runways or to ask Opec to produce more oil, while we are forced to make trivial, pathetic gestures. The problem is the world is overpopulated and we are consuming resources at too fast a rate. Yet no-one has the guts to say so, or do anything about it.

*Phil Granger, West Malling*

## Helping with scrutiny

The furore in your pages about Maidstone council's proposal to shut public toilets shows how far local authorities can become distant from public opinion.

All councils will need to make large cuts in the next few years and I would welcome Kent residents letting me know of examples of where they think Kent County Council wastes money. As chairman of the county council's cabinet scrutiny committee, I will ensure all proposals are considered.

*Cllr Trudy Dean, Lib Dem, Leader of the Opposition, KCC*

## Death of innocence?

Everyone I know is disgusted with the headteacher of a Kent school for having a poor lamb killed.

Does this awful woman not realise she is teaching children to become desensitised? We should be teaching compassion in schools, not how to treat animals like mere commodities.

She should be sacked – and the school governors, too.

*Judi Hewitt, Rhyl, Denbighshire*

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### FARLEY

Kim and Matthew of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Leo Andrew, born on 12 September 2009 at QEQM. Brother for Jacob.

### FRANCE

Emma and Marc of Deal are delighted to announce the birth of their son Samuel Martin Paul, born on 8th September 2009 at QEQM Hospital.

### GREENHILL-JEFFERY

Jade Greenhill-Jeffery of Herne Bay is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her beautiful daughter, Ruby Celeste, on 1st September 2009. Ruby was born at 8am weighing 7lb 8oz.

### HICKMOTT

Melissa and Ian Hickmott celebrate the birth of their son William James Hickmott on 2nd September 2009.

### LANE

Jesse Michael born 4th September 2009 to a very happy Mummy and Daddy, James and Kate.

First grandchild to Jill and Mike and grandson to Jean and Clive. Thank you to all of Mummy and Daddys little helpers.

### MATTHEWS

Kelly Kitchener and Trevor Matthews celebrate the birth of their son Jaden Douglas Matthews on 3rd September 2009.

### MORRIS

Nicky and Holly celebrate the birth of their daughter Lily Anna Morris on the 10th September 2009.

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Kylie and William of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Hallie Summer Elizabeth Newman-Watts. Hallie was born at home on 4 September 2009 at 9.56 weighing 7lb 10z.

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Andrew and Helen are delighted to announce the birth of their son Logan Andrew Oxtoby who was born at 11.31 am on the 31st August 2009 at Darent Valley hospital.

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Mark and Katie Symington celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby Melia Symington on 5th September 2009.

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### TUCKER

Elizabeth Jane born on 27th August 2009, weighing 7lbs 12oz. Daughter to Nick and Lisa Tucker in Penenden Heath.

### TURNER

Natasha Harrison and Roger Turner celebrate the birth of their daughter Ava Mae Turner on 15th August 2009.

### WATERS

Nuala and Richard celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Emily Mae on the 30th August 2009. Welcome to our little Pixie.

### WYDYMUS

Nigel and Sam of The Coastguard, St Margarets Bay, are delighted to announce the birth of their third daughter, Marnie Josephine Wydmus, on 27th August 2009. A new sister for Tabitha and Briar.

## DEATHS

### ABEL

William Minty Abel of Charing formerly Aberdeen passed away on the 10th September 2009 aged 80 years. Sadly missed by family and friends.

### CLARK

William Hubert Clark (Bill) of Swanley passed away suddenly at home on 3rd September 2009. Funeral Enquiries to Doves Funeral Services, Swanley.

### FISHER

William Joseph Fisher passed away peacefully on the 10th September 2009. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

### FOWLER

Kathleen Bertha Fowler died peacefully on 9th September 2009. Leaving a husband, two daughters and six grand-children.

### LAWRENCE

Ronald Lawrence passed away on 12th September 2009, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium on Tuesday 6th October at 12:30pm.

### NETTING

Mary Netting passed away peacefully 6th September 2009 aged 93 years. Much loved Sister, Auntie and Friend.

### WESTLEY

Violet Dorothy Westley of Herne Bay passed away suddenly at her sons home on 9th September 2009. The loving mother of Steven and Lesley, a much loved sister and grandmother, she will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. The funeral will be held at Barham on Monday October 5th at 2pm followed by a celebration of Violets life at The Share and Coulter Public House, Owls Hatch Road, Herne Bay. Please contact Steve on 07973219167 should you wish to attend. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Motor Neurone Charity c/o A Welch and Son 01227 374995.

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## The unkindest cuts

I know that many of those working in frontline public services and low-paid jobs are very aware of the importance of fairness and this is a key concern for me.

How can it be fair to implement further cuts in local government across Kent when spending in this sector has been squeezed since 1975?

Also, it cannot be right to subsidise banks – including £37 billion of our money in a single day – and cap access to universities in Kent when one of Kent's abiding problems is its skills shortages.

When one in five children in the UK is living in poverty, it cannot be right that the minimum wage is not enough to cover the rising cost of food and energy bills.

Or that precious little is being done to help the 34,000 people in Kent and Medway who are officially out of work – that is equivalent to a town the size of Tonbridge.

Evidence suggests other European countries are coming out of recession more quickly than the UK. I would suggest this is because our Government is committed to spending in the wrong places: subsidies to airports and nuclear power, ID cards, Afghanistan and new trunk road building are all examples. This is not right, not fair and not necessary.

*Caroline Lucas, Green Party MEP for Kent and Medway*

## Give carers a break

World Alzheimer's Day takes place this week. Did your readers know that there are 700,000 people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia in the UK?

It is estimated that there will be over a million people with dementia by 2025.

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be a lonely, stressful experience.

The feeling of disconnection is hardest to bear. There may be precious moments of clarity, when memories return and the years roll away, but for the most part carers have to watch their loved ones drifting slowly away.

So many carers are in desperate need of respite, but opportunities to be relieved of the caring role for even a short time are few and far between. Over a third of car-

ers have never been able to take a break since they started caring. I work at a place called Vitalise Jubilee Lodge, an accessible respite break centre for disabled people and carers run by charity Vitalise.

Each year hundreds of people enjoy desperately-needed breaks with us. We regularly have special weeks for people with Alzheimer's and dementia and their partners – there's one coming up in November and another in January. Relieved of all their care worries, carers can regain their strength and reconnect with their loved ones. They tell us that their breaks with us often make the difference between coping and despair.

If you would like to support our essential work or find out more about our special Alzheimer's weeks, call 0845 345 1970 or email bookings@vitalise.org.uk.

*Eddy Marie, Vitalise*

## Charity in the running

I would like to make an appeal to all running enthusiasts who would like to take part in the Bupa Great South Run. Europe's leading 10-mile road run – from Southsea to Portsmouth – is on Sunday, October 25.

The Children's Trust has a few guaranteed places, so I would be delighted to hear from interested runners as soon as possible, but no later than September 28.

By taking part and running with the Children's Trust's team you will be raising money for some of the UK's most severely disabled children and helping enhance their lives. The trust provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs, and rehabilitation services to children with an acquired brain injury. This is a special year for the trust, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary and opening a new residential rehabilitation centre. Please help make a difference and join our team of runners. Call 01737 365018; email events@thechildrenstrust.org.uk; or visit: www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk.

*Diana de Moura Stewart, fundraising manager, Children's Trust*

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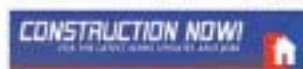
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## Bright sparks to the rescue

A HIGHER education college in Kent has launched a new course to help people who have lost their jobs in the recession.

West Kent College has been running a Redundancy Rescue project since the credit crunch began to bite, and the latest offering is a free six-day course in Part P electrical.

Richard Mannell, a tutor on the course, which is run from the college's construction crafts centre in the North Farm industrial estate, Tunbridge Wells, said: "The important feature here is these students are through Redundancy Rescue.

"Some have no electrical background at all.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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The course is incredibly intensive and the students' ability to assimilate the information is excellent. The level of energy, commitment and enthusiasm shines through."

### Ironic

The Part P course offers an intensive and practical few days which covers a range of domestic appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers.

It also covers commonly used domestic wiring circuits in use and meets the changes

to building regulations and legislation. Chartered surveyor Tim Nicholls, who was made redundant at the end of January, has already completed the course and is now thinking about setting up his own business.

He said: "It's ironic that I found myself being made redundant and have called on West Kent College to help me from a personal perspective.

"I originally trained as a chartered surveyor at the college in 1984. I found the tutor patient and understanding and the course in bitesize pieces and manageable.

"I'd certainly recommend the course and am considering starting up my own business. Having the Part P qualification will widen the

services I can offer." Fellow mature student, Ron Heskett, who was recently made redundant from the printing industry, is also considering starting his own business.

He said: "I've got to a stage in life where I want a total change. I may go on to do more studies with West Kent College, I'd like to become self-employed.

"The tutor was excellent and the practical and classroom mix very good."

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AN ARTS organisation in Kent has won £28,500 of Government funding to provide training courses.

Turner Contemporary will now be taking part in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills' scheme learning for pleasure with a new course entitled Time Of Our Lives, along with the University of Kent and BBC Radio Kent.

It is hoped the project will create community cohesion by focusing on different generations' memories of being a teenager.

Karen Eslea, head of learning at Turner Contemporary in Margate, said: "This innovative project will enable us to challenge stereotypes of both older people and teenagers.

"I hope it'll also encourage lots of people to get involved in the arts, and share their stories, thoughts and memories."

The grant is from the Government's £20 million Transformation Fund for innovative informal adult learning projects, 213 of which were awarded money around the country.

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Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 7th October 2009

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<b>Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based</b>	<b>TD13</b>
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For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett.

Closing date for applications is Friday 9th October 2009.

Valence School, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN

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## BRADSTOW SCHOOL

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### LIBRARY CO-ORDINATOR

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### LEARNING RESOURCES CO-ORDINATOR

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This role will be responsible for independently designing, producing, and maintaining a range of resources for the unique learning needs of our students, and for supporting colleagues to design resources to help students learn in both the class and residential teams.

### TEAM SUPPORT WORKER - CHILDCARE

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Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends. Also up to a maximum of two weeks for the school's respite care provision if required, for which extra payment would be paid.

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Closing date: Thursday 24th September 2009  
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Closing Date: 2nd October 2009

Interviews will take place on 6th October 2009

For further details and a job description, please contact Linda Taylor,  
Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Rochester,  
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Closing date for applications – Friday, 25th September 2009



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Closing Date: Friday 2nd October 2009



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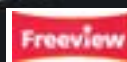
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By JANE JEWITT

HOLIDAYS are a distant memory now, but my week in Switzerland this summer gave me a lot to think about. Switzerland is a small, mountainous and densely populated country, so all the agricultural land is precious.

Every last scrap of land is cultivated, there are vegetable plots on the road sides and verges. There are allotments next to Zurich rail station. Front gardens have neatly turned vegetable plots, often ended with a row of brightly coloured dahlias.

Planting up the grass verge may still be a step too far for us Brits, but what about allowing part of the ornamental garden to be given up to vegetables? It is easiest to manage as a separate block of kitchen garden rather than inter-planting in an existing shrubbery.

### Fertile soil

Vegetables need fertile soil, good drainage, sunshine, (remember that the sun gets up long before we do) and shelter from strong winds. A slope will be harder to work, but a south-facing slope will warm up more quickly and allow you to grow a greater variety of crops.

To add fertility to the soil this autumn sow a green manure crop such as buckwheat or fenugreek. Soil left fallow will have nutrients washed out by rain over the winter. You can dig it in when you are ready to begin planting next spring.

Sow some fast-maturing crops such as lettuce, radish, spring onion and spinach. Sow in small quantities every two weeks. If you ensure there is a quick harvest from your new veg patch you will find other members of the family getting interested too. Spinach and some lettuce can be grown as 'cut and come again', giving you a constant supply all summer long.

# Swiss to a different style of gardening

There is nothing like the taste of freshly picked runner beans, they are easy to grow and decorative; they were in fact introduced from Central America as an ornamental climber. In order to produce a good crop from July till October they need a deep water-retentive soil. Dig a trench and line it with newspapers, then add lots of home-made compost and a dash of potash.

My favourite winter vegetables are leeks and parsnips, and these need a long time in the ground. Leeks can be started early in the

year, and will be ready to use in the autumn. Grow lettuce in between the leeks so the ground is used efficiently. Both leeks and parsnips can be harvested throughout the autumn and winter.

If you have a bit of bare earth now sow some lamb's lettuce. It tolerates a wide range of growing conditions and is popular in Switzerland for winter salad. It is used as a 'cut and come again' crop and has a lovely sweet flavour providing you with fresh and healthy salad throughout the winter months.



**CULTIVATION:** Grow vegetables and salad all year round like Swiss chard, left, and winter vegetables like parsnips, above

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# A kitchen revolution

➤ By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

AT ONE time we couldn't wait to get out of the kitchen and escape the slavery of toiling over a hot stove.

But suddenly cooking is 'hot', as the recession puts the squeeze on our finances and we rediscover the delights of conjuring up meals for ourselves instead of eating out and save a fortune in the process.

It means being a competent cook is not just permissible but highly desirable, even for a generation who once so closely identified with the ultimate fictional 'singleton' Bridget Jones – so lacking in culinary skills that her attempt to feed Mark Darcy ended in disaster.

Fast forward to this September, and a film celebrating cookery – Julie & Julia, starring Meryl Streep – is predicted to be an autumn box office success.

To emphasise this culinary trend: food blogs abound

## Design and colour have transformed kitchen aids into objects of beauty. We check out 'kitsch-en' style

online; this year's UK Michelin guide awarded a record number of stars to women chefs; and UK catering schools are reporting a significant

increase in the number of female applicants.

Whether you aspire to become a domestic goddess or simply to cook more, a kitchen properly stocked with new equipment will certainly help.

Rather like buying new kit for the gym – wearing it makes you feel fitter despite the fact you haven't moved a muscle – a splurge on great new kitchen gear could inspire a cooking fest.

As leading kitchen designer Johnny Grey says: "Research tells us that we're happiest between 6-10pm at night, which is often when we're in our kitchens."

"Why not create a living space that extends this happy period throughout the day, making a sociable room that attracts and caters to all members of the family?"

Designers, aware of the renewed enthusiasm for all things gastro, have helpfully turned their talents to kitchenware, so there's an array of gleaming, streamlined gadgets to choose from.

And our renewed pas-

sion for colour in interiors has resulted in a dazzling array of zingy products, in all colours of the rainbow, that will lift your spirits if not your skills.

"We're stunned at the popularity for coloured electrical kitchenware," says Paul Martin, a buyer at John Lewis.

"Sales of red appliances such as kettles, toasters and coffee machines have soared by 112 per cent in just six weeks."

It may well be our recipe for comfort, as colour psychologist Angela Wright explains.

"Red, for instance, is an extremely physical, powerful and exciting colour. It can be stimulating, lively and friendly, so red kitchenware and gadgets are what we're attracted to in these depressing, belt-tightening days."

So treat yourself to some new and colourful 'toys' for your culinary playground, from our shopping list featuring some of the best ingredients for a successful kitchen.

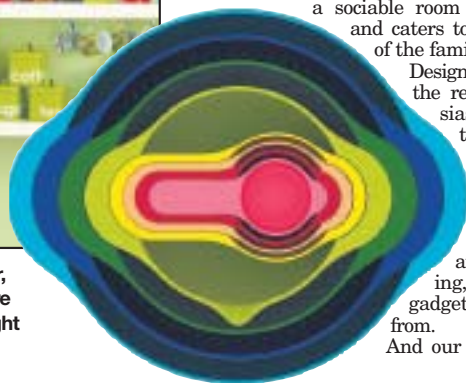
### Funky and fun

Unless you're cooking to impress – the mother-in-law, your boss or a visiting celebrity chef – the process should be fun. Make it more so with kitchen goodies that are bound to raise a smile whenever you look at them.

Alessi specialises in imaginative, witty designs, two good examples are its inscrutable Mr Chin kitchen timer, £24, and a little red man tea strainer, £17, which clings to a cup.



**COOL:** Left, red man tea strainer, £17 from Alessi; middle, kitchenware range from Next; and right, nest of eight sieves, £35 from Joseph Joseph



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Joseph Joseph has transformed the mundane sieve into an object of beauty, by creating a rainbow-coloured nest of eight sieves which stack like a Russian doll.

It's £35 from Red Candy, a new company which, as its name suggests, specialises in red homeware and showcases top homeware brands. And it's easy to give a dull worktop saver the chop by opting for its Hot Lips version, £12 by Joseph Joseph.

Chillies form the seductive lips, and spring onions are the gleaming gnashers on a decorative board that demands attention.

My favourite kitchen buy has to be the fab new Marmite ceramic breakfast range – a vintage-style jar, £10, and toast rack with knife, £12.50. This range from Debenhams might even win over those who profess to hate the stuff!

#### Animal magic

If you're seeking kitchenware from pastures new, check out La Cafetiere's range which includes a black and white cow print Mukka Express cappuccino maker, £50.

Follow the down-on-the-farm theme with Animill's salt and pepper mills range from Debenhams. These

resemble a cow, pig, cat or frog and are £7 each.

The store

also has other amusing kitchenware. One for the boys is the Peppermeister – a wooden pepper grinder that looks just like a beer bottle, £15.

Turn peeling spuds into an appealing chore by using a cheeky orange Monkey potato peeler, £6. Who knows, it might even inspire the youngsters to lend a hand?

#### Cool and colourful

Money may be tight, making a new kitchen out of the question, so jazz up the existing one by adding colourful accessories.

Brew up beautifully with La Cafetiere's range, which includes an apple-green Rainbow cafetiere, and Le Teapot, in deep cobalt blue, both £20.

Next's new autumn collection bursts with zingy kitchenware, but my pick of the crop is a jolly set of five white storage tins in varying sizes, decorated with juicy red apples, £32. Team them with a matching Apple memo board, £29.

Just as appealing as its colour choices are slogans in bright lettering such as 'Naughty But Nice' on its cake tins. And a set of Days Of The Week porcelain mugs, £10, starts with 'I Hate Mondays' and ends with 'Sunday – Put Your Feet Up'.

#### Kitsch and kit

Celebrity chef Nigella Lawson, who knows a thing or two about cooking and living stylishly, unsurprisingly has an impressive range of



PIZZA KIT: Animill's peppermill or salt mill, £7

good-looking, practical kitchenware available at Red Candy.

Nigella's set of Mixing Bowls, £36.50, two salad Serving Hands £8.80, and my favourite, a quirky spoon rest, £6, which resembles a fat dollop of spilt, red liquid.

If all that's too vibrant for your taste, Nigella's boat-shaped juicer in black, Living Kitchen Citrus Juicer, £12, makes short work of fruit. It is available from mydeco.com.

Discard clunky scales and weigh it all up with a designer set by a designer tag brand, Guzzini. Yellow Dolly scales, £59, are from Amaroni, another treasure trove for distinctive kitchen products.

And if you can only afford small touches, make them useful. Menu's steel trivets, or pan rests, are in dazzling colours, £11.95 each.

#### Kids and cooking

Children are missing out on learning cookery skills, according to a recent YouGov survey, sponsored by kitchen designer Johnny Grey and Electrolux.

It reveals that three out of 10 children over the age of 12 in the UK haven't got a clue about cooking.

London children are least likely to learn, with only 54 per cent taught the basics by their parents,

whereas children in the North-East are the most precocious chefs, with 32 per cent starting to learn at around three years old and 64 per cent by the age of five.

More children help cook meals in Scotland, 35 per cent, than anywhere else, while only 17 per cent do so in Yorkshire and 18 per cent in London.

#### Gourmet gadgets

Gadgets are high-risk buys. Around a quarter of a million British households each have more than £500 worth of abandoned kitchen devices stored away.

David Rochester, at Halifax Home Insurance, which carried out the research, says: "British kitchens are turning into a graveyard of unused gadgets. People may have the best intentions when buying them, but in reality thousands of blenders, grills, steamers and juicers lie idle on worktops."

Avoid the gadget trap by opting for those that are as essential as they are sleek, and simply too good to leave in a cupboard.

Marks & Spencer's revamped selection of kit is comprehensive enough to satisfy even gadget geeks. It boasts the iconic Dualit brand, with a two-slice toaster, £59, in red or cream. A colour co-ordinated DeLonghi range features an Icona kettle, £69 in vibrant shades including blue.

Argos has a line-up of ranges from TV celebrity chefs such as James Martin, Rachel Allen and Jamie Oliver, but for worktop impact it's hard to beat Marco Pierre White's scarlet range for Russell Hobbs: a food processor, £34.29; hand blender, £39.29; blender £48.99.

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HOT: DeLonghi Icona kettle, £69, left; and right, Marmite ceramic toast rack with knife, £12.50, from Debenhams



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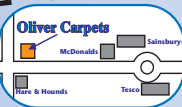
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PLANT IT: Radishes, left, and garlic, right, are among crops that can be planted in winter

# Winter pickings from the garden

By HANNAH STEPHENSON

YOU may still be reaping the rewards of all your hard work on the allotment or vegetable patch this year, but don't down tools just yet as there are winter crops which can be planted in autumn to fill the gaps.

Not only will new crops keep the soil covered over winter and help to suppress weeds, you'll have a bonus crop of quick-maturing vegetables before the winter closes in – while some are hardy enough to keep harvesting through until early spring.

Others will get a head-start on spring-sown crops and should be ready several weeks early.

Which? Gardening, the Consumers' Association magazine, trialled a number of veg including onions, peas, beans and winter salads to see how they would fare planted in the autumn.

The trial, featured in the September edition of the magazine, found that garlic is a crop worth starting in autumn unless you've got cold, wet soil – in which case, wait until February.

Buy or order the bulbs now, but wait until November before planting them. Split the bulbs into individual cloves just before planting, about 15cm apart. Ease them into the soil, and make sure their tops are hidden or the birds may take them.

They should produce plants about 15cm tall before winter, which will be tough enough to survive the season, and you should be harvesting them by July. The garlic variety 'Solent Wight' was best in the magazine's last trial.

You can also plant onions in the autumn, spacing the sets 10cm apart in rows 30cm apart during October or November. These will overwinter like the garlic and should be dried off and ready to harvest in mid-July, a couple of weeks before spring-planted onions. Try the varieties 'Electric' and 'Radar'.

Peas and broad beans can also be sown in October and November, provided you choose a sunny, sheltered spot. Sow broad beans in double rows with 20cm between plants each way, to make it easy to support the plants in spring, by running string round the outside tied to posts at the corners.

With peas, dig out a shallow trench 3-4cm deep and at least 15cm wide. Scatter seeds roughly 5cm apart each way. The plants should reach 15-20cm tall before they stop growing in mid-winter.

The traditional broad bean 'Aquadulce Claudia' is a safe bet, but the small-podded 'Stereo' is also worth trying.

If you want salad all winter, go for the winter-hardy varieties. While you can sow them straight into the ground, you may have better results sowing them in modular trays or small pots inside this month to protect them from slugs and snails, and then plant them out in October and November.

Cover the plants with horticultural fleece to stop the pigeons feasting on them, and provide protection from hard frosts.

In 2008, Which? Gardening trialled a variety of winter salads, and most of them provided pickings of leaves from January to April. Pick individual leaves or cut whole plants as soon as they are large enough until they start to bolt in spring.

Reliable varieties of hardy lettuce include the cos 'Winter Density' and the butterhead type 'Valdor'.

If you have seed left over from spring you may want to have a go and see what comes up.

You may have success if you make September sowings of carrots, beetroot, radish, turnip and kohlrabi, spinach and leaf beet. Reliable types include the carrot 'Early Nantes', lettuce 'Little Gem' or 'Salad Bowl' and beetroot 'Boltardy'. Success will depend on the weather.

Give the area a good soaking several days before you sow, especially if the weather's been hot and dry.

Aim to harvest before the first severe frosts, or cover the crops with fleece to extend the season.

• **The full report is in the September issue of Which? Gardening, a subscription-only gardening magazine published 10 times a year. For details on how to receive three issues of Which? Gardening for £3, telephone 01992 822 800 or visit which.co.uk.**



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The small tables are suitable as coffee tables, bedside tables, café tables and small side tables which can easily be moved around to the spot, where they are needed. When placing more tables in small groups you can play with colours, forms and different heights.

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WHEN you have planned the perfect dinner, carefully selected fresh ingredients, spent hours in the kitchen and set an attractive table setting, it would be a shame if the cold starter was served lukewarm and the tablecloth was stained by dripping meat juices. Not to worry Menu has thought of everything!

Menu and the designer duo Norm, Jonas Bjerre Poulsen and Kasper Rønn, sat down to solve this problem. The result is a multifunctional serving and carving set, consisting of a melamine tray, a bamboo board, a porcelain dish and a cooling pad, which all can be used individually. The tray is equipped with elegant curves that reach up from the base in a smooth progression that forms a natural handle on the sides.

With four parts that can be combined, Menu's serving and carving set provides an array of possibilities for presenting any kind of meal to its best advantage:

Serving dish with cooling function: When the white porcelain dish is placed in the tray, its

look is altered and provides inspiration for new ways of presenting food. The set also includes a cooling pad – a small, ingenious detail that makes the set extraordinary. Put the cooling pad in the freezer and afterwards place it between the tray and dish and hey presto! The serving set is transformed into a cooling tray that can keep desserts, sushi, lunch dishes and starters fresh throughout your meal!

Sustainable carving set combined with the attractive bamboo board, the tray is converted into a carving set. Bamboo has antibacterial traits and, as the material is extremely hard and water-resistant, it makes for a very durable cutting board, not to mention the fact bamboo is a sustainable material. The board is equipped with silicone pads so that it remains steady on the table and in the tray, while a large cut out cross in the middle keeps the roast in place and channels meat juices down in the tray.

Menu has created a pretty box with all the set's pieces, so it makes a perfect present. Both the serving set and the carving set retails at £89.95 each

Design: Norm  
[www.menu.as](http://www.menu.as)



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Gary, Tunbridge Wells

**A** Try mounting a long, slim shelf along the wall – then display your pictures or prints. Go as neutral as you can – either black or white or whatever blends in with the other colours in the room. Enjoy!



If you have any questions you'd like to ask Helle, email [hylleberg@live.co.uk](mailto:hylleberg@live.co.uk) or post them, marked Homes & Gardens Q & A, to KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

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**NUISANCE:** Moles are one of the main problems, destroying the even surface of the grass

# Grassing up

By **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

WHILE it is good to encourage wildlife into our gardens, there are some insects and animals which will play havoc with our lawns this autumn.

Major pests which can transform a lawn from stunning to shabby in a matter of months include leatherjackets, better known in their adult form as daddy longlegs (or crane flies).

The adult crane fly lays its eggs in autumn, and the larvae can devour a lawn over the winter months, leaving a patchy and unsightly mess by summer.

The recent milder winters have exaggerated the problem, allowing a longer feeding period for the leatherjackets. Tell-tale signs of an

infestation begin to show in spring, when you will notice bald patches and white grass on the lawn.

As with most things, prevention is better than cure. To avoid this occurring the lawn should be treated in autumn, when the earth is still warm and moist. The most environmentally-friendly method is a biological remedy known as a nematode, which reacts best under these conditions, according to lawn-care specialists TruGreen ([www.trugreen.co.uk](http://www.trugreen.co.uk)).

Lawn enthusiasts may see other creatures such as worms and ants to be pests.

But while worm casts may drive some gardeners mad, remember that they are conditioning and aerating the soil under the lawn roots, so just brush the casts away on a dry morning.

Ant-hills may also appear on your lawn, but ants provide food for green woodpeckers, so again just brush them away if they're annoying you.

Brown patches caused by bitch urine are another problem. The only answer is to provide the animal with her own toilet area. Male dog urine doesn't scorch. If you see it happening, throw a bucket of water over the affected area or go over it thoroughly with the hosepipe to stop the grass scorching.

Chafer grubs gnaw at the grass roots in spring and summer, leaving small brown patches of grass. They often appear in sandy areas, but they aren't as troublesome as leatherjackets, and control measures aren't often needed. Use a roller in spring to crush the grubs.

Moles are one of the main nuisances to lawn enthusiasts, destroying the even surface of the grass as hills pop up all over the place. Some people throw mothballs down



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Among the best is *C bodinieri* var *giraldii* 'Profusion', which grows to around three metres and produces pale pink flowers in midsummer before its leaves turn red, coinciding with clusters of shining, bright violet berries.

A smaller, more delicate variety is *C japonica*, which reaches about 1m in height and produces pink flowers and violet berries.

Callicarpa are happiest in full sunshine or light, dappled shade, in well-drained, fertile soil. They are best planted in groups to ensure that berries are formed.





# your lawn's pests

the holes to discourage them, others use paraffin, burning paper, creosote or emulsified castor oil. There are a number of deterrents on the market ranging from solar devices, which deter them by sonic vibration, to plain old traps.

If you can't get rid of them, collect up the mole-hill earth to use as a lawn-top dressing.

Birds will not generally damage an established lawn, but they can be a nuisance on newly-seeded areas as they use the seed bed as a dust bath. To avoid part of the problem, try to get rid of the underground grubs such as leatherjackets which attract them.

Once you have seeded the lawn, stretch fruit netting taut between pegs 10cm above the ground over the newly-seeded area.

One type of bee, the mining bee, makes its nest under lawns and paths, leaving a small conical mound of earth on the surface, but this can simply be scattered before mowing and doesn't need drastic action.



WHAT A CRANE: Cranefly larvae can devour a lawn over the winter months, above; and right, worm casts

## Good enough to eat

*Basil*

IT'S a bit of a tricky one because it likes a warm climate and protection from bad weather, but if you love the delicious flavour this herb adds to Mediterranean pasta dishes and salads, it's worth persevering.

Basil seeds are also expensive, so you might take a leaf out of TV gardener Joe Swift's latest book and buy a pot of live basil from a supermarket in late spring, knock out the contents and divide the clumps of seedlings into individual plants.

"I got a few complaints, mainly from plant centres and herb specialists saying I couldn't do what I'd just done," he says in his book *Joe's Allotment*.

"Well, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and, despite an abysmal month of weather, the plants not only survived but positively thrived. I was cutting fresh basil for weeks."

If you split the plant, plant it in well-drained soil and protect it with a cloche, it should be OK. Alternatively, sow seeds in April onto the surface of potting compost and cover them with a thin layer of the compost or vermiculite. Once the seedlings emerge and are big enough to handle, prick them out into 9cm pots. Basil hates frost, so any sowings will need to be indoors on a sunny windowsill until May or June.



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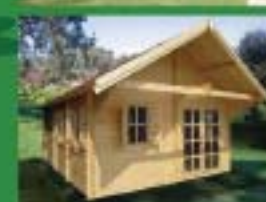
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## September on the plot

### WINTER ONIONS

September is the month to plant winter onion sets, widely available and alternatively known as 'autumn onions'. The Radar variety gives consistently good returns, toughing out the harshest winter, swelling up in spring and ripening for harvest in late May. They do not store for very long, unlike maincrops, but are a valuable early crop.

Onions like a sunny position and firm root-run. Dirty Nails prepares his onion bed a few days in advance of planting. He lightly forks over the selected plot and scatters handfuls of wood ash over it. He aims to dust the soil thinly but evenly.

He then rakes the bed level and to a crumbly tilth, then treads it down again before raking some more. The sets are planted at 6ins (15cm) intervals with a foot (30cm) between rows. Straight rows are much easier to look after than wonky ones, so Dirty Nails always uses a line of string tied between two sticks to mark them out. He makes a little planting nest for each one with his finger so as not to damage the acorn-sized miniature onion as he pushes it into the soil. Using both hands, he uses his thumbs and first-finger knuckles to secure each set, leaving the top of the bulb exposed.

Sprouting roots can lift them out if they are not nestled in snugly. There

is little else to do apart from keeping moist and weed-free, watch and wait.

For Dirty Nails growing veg is about more than just eating food. He completed his Radar onion planting in fabulous 'Indian summer' weather as a vast, shape-shifting gathering of house martins and swallows worked the insect-rich skies above. Being an active piece in the web of life, and feeling in tune with the rhythm of the seasons, is all part of the magic.

### RUNNER BEANS

Dirty Nails has worked his runner beans hard and consistently since July. They have responded to his meticulous preparation and care magnificently, but now are virtually spent. He filled his trug for the last time this week before consigning them to the compost heap.

Dirty Nails always snips the stem just above ground level because there is a lot of nitrogen goodness in bean roots that will be returned to the soil as they decompose. Canes are then untied, pulled up, turned upside-down, and the whole six feet (two metres) or more of runner bean stem and leaf are slipped off in one go. There are always fat pods of beans, drying and dried, hidden away. Some of these can be saved for sowing next year.

• Joe Hashman's third book, 'On The Plot With Dirty Nails: a practical guide to fruit and vegetable gardening in words and pictures' (ISBN 9781905862320) is published by How To Books on September 25, rrp £12.99.



CROP A LOAD OF THIS: Left, runner beans; and right, a freshly planted onion set provide September jobs

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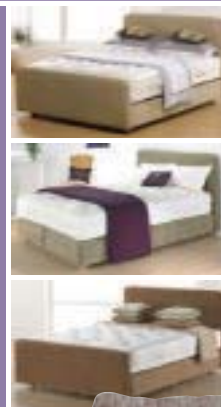
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**BRADSTOW SCHOOL.** Bradstow is a fascinating and unique residential school for children between the ages of 5 & 19, set in 13 acres of parkland just a few hundred metres from the sandy beaches of Broadstairs. We seek to meet the needs of children with autism and severe learning difficulties, and have achieved national recognition for our developments in Communication and Behaviour Management. **DOMESTIC ASSISTANTS** £8,258 per annum - 30 hours per week (Mon - Fri 8.00am - 2.00pm) - Term time only & £4,129 per annum - 15 hours per week, evenings (Mon - Fri 4.00 - 7.00pm) - Term time only To undertake general cleaning duties and maintain an acceptable standard of cleanliness and hygiene at Bradstow. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered. The closing date for all applications if 12 noon Friday 25th September 2009.

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## Education, Teacher, School

### TEACHING ASSISTANTS

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £14,891 - £18,937  
**Closing Date:** 18.9.2009  
Abbey Court School, a 'special' school and a 'special' place to work. We are currently looking

for... **TEACHING ASSISTANTS** to join and enhance our large and expanding, high calibre team. Medway Scale, Grade D2 £14,891 - £18,937 (pay award pending) pro-rata + SEN Allowance (£1,165). Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Does 'Every Child Matter' to you? Can you make a difference? If so, share your talents and expertise with us. Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties. Working hours are 32.5 p/w, term time only. Previous experience and/or NNEB (or equivalent) qualifications preferred. Comprehensive training and induction will be provided. Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338224) Please note CV's will not be accepted.

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### Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £25,895 - £29,622 per annum  
**Closing Date:** Friday 26 September 2009  
Lecturer in Motor Vehicle Ref: P0649 **Salary:** £25,895 - £29,622 per annum We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to teach on a range of Motor Vehicle courses. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within the Motor Vehicle Engineering Industry. MidKent College's highly successful Motor Vehicle department is looking for an interactive team member with strong communication skills. The ideal candidate will hold a HNC or degree in a related field and either possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are particularly interested in an individual that has the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen subject. For an informal discussion about this role please call Simon Foot, Head of School on 01622 625864. Closing date: Friday 26 September 2009. MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a

disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer.

**To apply/more information:** Mid Kent College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** P0649  
Tel: 01634 383102  
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

### Teaching Assistant

#### Thanet

**Salary:** Hourly rate £7.30-£8.28  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 24th September 2009

Teaching Assistant 30 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme Payscale 3, Points 7-11 (Hourly rate £7.30-£8.28) Required immediately to support students with Special Educational Needs. Applicants must have a genuine concern for young people and should be able to support pupils up to GCSE level. We are looking for an individual who is self motivated and who would enjoy working as part of a large and friendly team. The right person for this role will have excellent communication skills and a flexible approach to their work. Experience is not necessary as full training can be given. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check prior to the start of employment. Please apply in writing for an application pack, via email to: vsilk@ursuline.kent.sch.uk or to Mrs Lisa Taylor, AEN Co-ordinator. Closing date: Thursday 24th September 2009. Interviews to be held Monday 28th September 2009. Ursuline College, 225 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent CT8 8LX Phone 01843 834431. Fax 01843 835365 Info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk Ursuline College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff/volunteers to share this commitment.

**To apply/more information:** Ursuline College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01843 834431  
Email vsilk@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

### Teacher of Latin / Classical Civilisation

#### Rochester

**Salary:** TBA  
Teacher of Latin / Classical Civilisation An enthusiastic teacher of Classics is required to cover maternity leave from 15th February 2010. This post would suit a newly qualified teacher or experienced teacher alike, and a TLR allowance may be available for an interested applicant. The subject is promoted enthusiastically throughout the school, and the department takes an active role in all opportunities for cross

curricular events. Latin is extremely popular in KS3 and KS4, recruiting healthy numbers in both key stages. Classical Civilisation is a popular choice Post-16. Students who study Classics have the opportunity of attending many trips and study days throughout the academic year including residential trips to Italy, visiting Bath and VI form lecture days in London. The successful candidate will be an effective classroom practitioner and be committed to enabling all students to achieve their full potential. OFSTED 2008 commented that students have a "willingness to participate in the wide range of opportunities available to them, to show initiative and to assume responsibility". Behaviour was found to be "exemplary". If you are interested in working with bright, talented pupils, then please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Jacqueline Harrison, 01634 844008 or visit our website www.sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk where further details and an application form can be downloaded. We are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check. Closing date for applications - Friday, 25th September 2009.

**To apply/more information:** Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01634 844008  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Business Studies Teacher

#### Medway

**Salary:** negotiable  
Large over subscribed mixed comprehensive Medway school with good management and resources looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic business studies teacher. All applicants must be a fully qualified teacher with recent experience working with children in a classroom setting. The staff at the school are very supportive and all new and overseas staff have a mentor appointed to them. If interested please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net.  
**To apply/more information:** Britny Goulet  
Timeplan Education Group  
**Quoting Job Ref:** 09-09064010  
Tel: 01732 373 340  
Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

### Cover Supervisors

#### Medway

**Salary:** £60 per day  
Large over subscribed mixed comprehensive Medway school with good management and resources looking for three committed cover supervisors. All applicants must have able behaviour management skills and recent experience working with children. The staff at the school are very supportive and all new and overseas staff have a mentor appointed to them. If interested please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net.  
**To apply/more information:** Britny Goulet  
Timeplan Education Group  
**Quoting Job Ref:** 09-09094003,4,5  
Tel: 01732 373 340  
Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

### Primary School Teachers

#### Bromley

**Salary:** £115 per day negotiable  
Primary teachers required for daily, long term supply and permanent positions throughout the boroughs of Greenwich,

Bexley and Bromley. We offer excellent rates of pay, regular work and outstanding teacher socials. The South East office is staffed by qualified teachers with recent classroom and senior management experience. "We work for you, finding you the work that you want." If you are interested in local, regular work and being supported by a team of professional teachers who know what they are doing please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net.  
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Timeplan Education Group  
**Quoting Job Ref:** 09-080917002  
Tel: 01732 373 340  
Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

### Maths Teachers

#### Kent

**Salary:** negotiable  
Maths teachers required for long term and permanent positions throughout the South East of England in particular the areas of Kent, Medway, East Sussex and West Sussex. We offer excellent rates of pay, long term and permanent positions and outstanding teacher socials. The South East office is staffed by qualified teachers with recent classroom and senior management experience. "We work for you, finding you the work that you want." If you are interested in local, regular work and being supported by a team of professional teachers who know what they are doing please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net.  
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### Science Teachers

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### Casual Drivers for School Minibus

#### Aylesford

**Salary:** Kent Scheme 3  
**Closing Date:** 28/09/2009  
Kent Scheme 3 - £14099 - £15984 pa (which equates to £7.31 to £8.28 per hour) Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. We are looking to appoint a bank of drivers who we can call upon on a casual basis to drive our students to various venues. Times and days will vary according to the requirements

of the students. A full clean driving licence is essential and relevant training will be given to successful candidates. For an application form please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk Aylesford School - Sports College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and the post is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure check.  
**To apply/more information:** Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01622 717341  
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

### English Language and Literature Teacher

#### Maidstone

**Salary:** £120 per day negotiable  
An 11 to 18 co-educational High School in the Mid Kent area, which is high performing, popular and oversubscribed is looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic English teacher who strives to help children achieve academic goals as well as shaping them to succeed in today's ever changing technological world. The schools extensive re-build programme was completed in 2007 and there has been a significant improvement in examination results at all levels. Applicants must be qualified teachers and have recent experience working in a classroom setting. To apply please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net.

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### Teacher for pupils with severe and profound learning difficulties

#### Medway

**Salary:** See Below  
**Closing Date:** 2nd October 2009

Abbey Court School provides a stimulating, challenging and safe learning environment where pupils and staff efforts, work and achievement are celebrated. We are currently looking for a Teacher for pupils with severe and profound learning difficulties to commence as soon as possible MPS + 2 SEN Points + TLR 2C £2,478 (with previous experience) The school is located in pleasant surroundings and we have educational resources of enviable proportions. This post would suit newly qualified teachers or those wishing to gain further experience of SEN. Comprehensive induction and training will be provided. Telephone enquiries and informal visits to the school welcomed. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Interviews will take place on 6th October 2009. For further details and a job description, please contact Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent, ME2 3SP. (Tel: 01634 338236) stating the position for which you are applying.

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### LEARNING RESOURCES CO-ORDINATOR

#### Broadstairs

**Salary:** £15,634 - £17,303 per annum  
**Closing Date:** 12 noon Friday 25th September 2009  
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## INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT WORKER - CHILDCARE

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## Head of Faculty Higher Education

**Canterbury**  
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## Lecturer ICT

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** £19,344 - £26,759 pro rata per annum  
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## Supply Lecturer Dental Nursing

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## Supply Lecturers Animal Care, Land Based and Veterinary Nursing

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## Lecturer Electrical Installation

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**Salary:** £18,387 - £26,363 PA  
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## Temporary Lecturer Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing

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## Lecturer Hospitality and Catering

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## Lecturer IT and Computing

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## Lecturer Public Services

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## Leisure, Tourism, Travel

### PROJECT DIRECTOR

**Margate**  
**Salary:** £31,250 P/T (£62.5K FTE)  
**Closing Date:** 2 October 2009  
 DREAMLAND, MARGATE The Dreamland Trust has secured funding to commence work on the development of detailed proposals for a unique eight-acre tourist attraction. Phase One of the project, worth £12.4m, will create the world's first amusement park to solely feature thrilling historic rides and will be centred on the Grade II-listed Scenic Railway roller coaster. The second phase will involve the restoration of the Grade II\*-listed Dreamland Cinema building as a multi-purpose entertainment venue, creating a national centre for seaside heritage, popular culture and street style. We are now recruiting a core team to make this exciting concept a reality. PROJECT DIRECTOR £31,250 P/T (£62.5K FTE) The Project Director will be the public face of Dreamland Margate, overseeing a small team, including a Project Manager. The successful candidate will need to be enthusiastic about popular culture and seaside heritage.

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### Experienced and Trainee Estate Agents

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**To apply/more information:** Countrywide Residential Lettings  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Email [sarah.mcginchey@bairstowevescountrywide.co.uk](mailto:sarah.mcginchey@bairstowevescountrywide.co.uk)

## HR, Recruitment

### HR Staff Development Administrator

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**Salary:** £15,312 PA  
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## AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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## Not for profit, Charities

### Weekend Dining Room Assistant(s)

**Tunbridge Wells**

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**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01233 636773  
 Email [ashford@alliedhealthcare.com](mailto:ashford@alliedhealthcare.com)

### Senior Social Worker

**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** £32,600 to £36,800  
**Closing Date:** Friday 9th October 2009  
 Senior Social Worker Tonbridge Office. Credo Care is a specialist fostering service for children with disabilities rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted. We need a Senior Practitioner Social Worker to provide intensive support to Foster Carers in North West Kent and South London. The duties also involve recruitment, assessment and training of Foster Carers and a unique opportunity to work with our autism specific service Accredited by the National Autistic Society. GSCC registration and a DipSW or equivalent with at least 2 years experience within a child care setting required. Salary range £32,600 to £36,800 plus company car. Contact Greg



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Rockdale House  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
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Email enquiries@rockdale.org.uk

## Public Sector, Social Services

### Community Liaison Officer (Early Years)

**Gillingham**  
**Salary:** £16,663 - £22,001 per annum  
**Closing Date:** 2 October 2009  
Community Liaison Officer (Early Years) (Job Ref: EDS/467)  
Grade: C1 - **Salary:** £16,663 - £22,001 per annum Hours: 37 hours per week - 52 weeks a year Location: Saxon Way Primary School Church Path Ingram Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1SJ. Saxon Way Childrens Centre is experiencing an exciting time of growth and as a result we are now looking to recruit a full-time Community Liaison Officer to join our enthusiastic team. Working in the Gillingham area we are looking to appoint a man or a woman who is excited by new challenges and willing to implement new projects for local families with young children whilst working in partnership with a multitude of partner agencies. Having experience of working with both parents/carers and children, you will be responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating Parent and Toddler Groups in settings across our reach area, as well as working in partnership with key statutory, voluntary and private agencies to create real positive change for our families. You will have the skills to involve families with young children within a diverse community and become active in the community. Children's Centres are hubs of information for local families, so knowledge of the local community will be essential. An understanding of the roles of other professionals and partners will also be an advantage. This post also requires a level 3 Childcare/ Early Years or comparable relevant qualification. Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. To find out more about this exciting role or to arrange a visit please contact: Margaret Windteat, Community Services Manager on Tel: 01634 852320 or email office@saxon-way.

medway.sch.uk Interviews will be held: 14 October 2009.  
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Saxon Way Primary School  
Quoting Job Ref: EDS/467  
Email office@saxon-way.medway.sch.uk

### Part-time Lecturer in Photography and Graphics

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### Speech and Language Therapist

**Margate**  
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We are currently recruiting for the following: Speech and Language Therapist Salary up to £37,000 p.a. pro rata. Term Time Only. We provide education and care for young deaf people with additional needs including learning and communication difficulties. The post involves assessment, delivery of therapy within a multi-disciplinary team and in close collaboration with parents and carers. British Sign Language training will be provided. Terms and Conditions: Permanent, Term Time only. Salary according to qualifications and experience. We are committed to equal opportunities and diversity, encouraging and welcoming applications from all groups and communities. We expect all staff to be committed to our Child and Adult Protection policies and procedures. All positions are subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check, references, evidence of qualifications and a work history which can be fully checked. For an application pack please contact Human Resources Department, telephone 01843 227561, email: hr@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk or download an application form from our website: www.rsdcm.org.uk. Closing Date: 2nd October 2009.

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### Registered Manager

**Margate**  
**Salary:** £31,989 - £39,954  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2nd October 2009  
We offer residential education and care for deaf children and young adults with additional needs and young people with communication difficulties. This is an exciting time to join us as we expand our residential and care services team. We require: Registered Manager £31,989 - £39,954. An experienced and confident Registered Manager for our Adult Care Homes. You must have NVQ Level 4 and RMA/Leadership and Management or equivalent. Senior Practitioner £25,005 - £31,445.57. An enthusiastic and committed practitioner to join our operational leadership team. This exciting new role will require you to promote best practice within our services. Terms and Conditions. We are committed to equal opportunities and diversity, encouraging and welcoming applications from all groups and communities. We expect all staff to be committed as we are to our Child and Adult Protection policies and procedures. All positions are subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check, references, evidence of qualifications, and a fully checkable work history. For an application pack please contact Human Resources Department, telephone 01843 227561, email: hr@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk or download an application form from our website: www.rsdcm.org.uk. Closing Date: Friday 2nd October 2009.

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**Night Security Caretaker**  
**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** £7.53 - £8.29  
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### TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS - NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/01961/FL - Winfield Farm Long Mill Lane Plaxtol Sevenoaks Kent TN15 8QA - Mr W G Chaplin is applying for conversion of cattle barn/hop building to dwelling, new access and change of use of land to residential. Demolition of lean to structures. Reason: LB DEPART

TM/09/02123/FL - 70 The Rocks Road East Malling West Malling Kent ME19 6AU - Mr And Mrs Hinton are applying for purpose built conservatory. Reason: CA HH

TM/09/01485/FL & TM/09/01486/LB - Milverton 116 High Street West Malling Kent ME19 6NE - Dr R Newell is applying for provision of external fire escape staircase and landing accessing front courtyard. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/01860/FL - Marley Site London Road Wrotham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7RW - Mr Vic Pope is applying for side extension to existing office building with loft extension. Reason: HA

### Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting  
CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area  
HA Site is over 1ha.  
DEPART Application does not accord with the Development Plan  
HH Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk) - click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to [planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk) (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 11 October 2009.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive

20 September 2009



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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(DYNES LANE (SWANTON LANE), BILSINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Dynes Lane (locally known as Swanton Lane), Bilsington, between the junctions with Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road, on or after 21 September 2009 for an estimated period of three days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(BRISLEY LANE, RUCKINGE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs to areas of erosion and structural failure, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Brisley Lane, Ruckinge, between the junctions of Capel Road and Ashford Road, on or after 21 September 2009, for an estimated period of 4 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Brisley Lane, Ashford Road and Stone Cross Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(CHURCH ROAD, SEVINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Road, Sevington from outside house number 36 to the end of the cul-de-sac, on or after 7 October 2009 for an estimated period of one day or until the works are complete.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to allow access when safe to do so.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(ALBERT ROAD, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Albert Road, Ashford, between the junctions with the A2042 Canterbury Road and Wall Road, on or after 6 October 2009, for an estimated period of one day or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Queens Road, Wall Road and Albert Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(POPE STREET, GODMERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Pope Street, Godmersham from the junction with the A28 Ashford Road to Woodsdale Farm, on or after 6 October 2009, for an estimated period of up to two days or until the works are complete.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to allow access for residents and local businesses but delays should be expected.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order introducing traffic movement restrictions as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 4th October 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to start on the 5th October and last 4 weeks or until the works are completed. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the order is to facilitate works for mains replacement for Southern Gas Networks, Thames Water and Highway maintenance for Kent Highway Services.

Schedule 1

The Affected Routes	The Temporary Restriction
West Hill, Dartford	One way traffic flow eastbound from Shepherds Lane to Highfield Road North
Highfield Road, Dartford	Two way traffic between InstoneRoad and West Hill, with NO access to West Hill
Highfield Road North, Dartford	One way traffic flow from West Hill to Westgate Road eastbound
Westgate Road, Dartford	One way traffic flow between Highfield Road North and Kent Road eastbound
Shepherds Lane, Dartford	No right turn from Dartford Road
Spital Street, Dartford	Two way traffic between Kent Road and West Hill, No access to West Hill

Westbound traffic using Westgate Road to access West Hill will be sent via: Lowfield Street, Princes Road, and Shepherds Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**LOMBARD STREET, HORTON KIRBY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Lombard Street, Horton Kirby to approx opposite property Carinya.

The Order will become effective on 5th October 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Rays Hill, The Street and Bull Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of new electricity mains cable.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HIGH STREET, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on High Street, Sevenoaks between its junctions with Rockdale Road and Solefields Road.

The Order will become effective on 5th October 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 6 nights from 20:00 - 05:00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: A224 London Road, Tubs Hill, London Road, Amherst Hill, A25 Worships Hill, Westerham Road, A21 Sevenoaks ByPass, A225 Riverhill and Tonbridge Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate resurfacing works.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CHURCH ROAD, HARTLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Road, Hartley outside Bonsalls.

The Order will become effective on 5th October 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 12 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ash Road, North Ash Road, Hartley Bottom Road, Hartley Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate sewer repair works on behalf of Thames Water.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads in Sevenoaks as attached schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 5th October 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; as the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via: As the per attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate resurfacing works.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Extent	Duration	Diversion
Birchwood Road, Swanley	From its junction with Alfian Lane to its junction with B2173 Maidstone Road	5th October 2009 for 5 days	Birchwood Road, Leyton Cross Road, Oakfield Lane, A2018 Old Bexley Lane/ Dartford Road / Vicatage Road, A223 North Cray Road, B2173 Maidstone Road
Clinton Lane, Hever	From its junction with Four Elms Road to its junction with Five Fields Lane	2nd November 2009 for 5 nights	B2027 Clinton Lane / Penshurst Road, B2176 Moorden Lane / Station Hill / Penshurst Road, B2188 Fordcombe Road / New Road / Saints Hill / Spring Hill / Fordcombe Road, A264 Ashurst Road, B2026 Hartfield Road / Mill Hill / High Street / Station Road, B2027 Four Elms Road
Penshurst Road, Penshurst	From its junction with Fordcombe Road to its junction with Station Hill	9th November 2009 for 6 nights	B2176 Station Hill / Moorden Lane, B2027 Penshurst Road / High Street / Hildenborough Road / Rings Hill / Stocks Green Road / Leigh Road, B245 Tonbridge Road / London Road, A227 High Street, B2260 Railway Approach, A26 Quarry Hill Road / London Road, B2176 Bidborough Ridge / Penshurst Road / Rogues Hill

Hosey Common Road, Westerham	From its junction with A25 to its junction with B269	12th November 2009 for 4 days	B269 Kent Hatch Road, A25 Westerham Road / High Street / Market Square / Vicarage Hill
Hildenborough Road, Leigh	From its junction with Watt's Cross Road to its junction with Powder Mill Lane	17th November 2009 for 4 nights	B2027 Stocks Green Road / Leigh Road, B245 Tonbridge Road / London Road, A227 High Street, B2260 Railway Approach, A26 Quarry Hill Road / London Road, B2176 Bidborough Ridge / Penshurst Road / Rogues Hill / Penshurst Road / Station Hill / Moorden Lane, B2027 Penshurst Road / High Street
Mill Hill, Edenbridge	From its junction with B2028 Marsh Green Road to its junction with Victoria Road	25th January 2010 for 4 nights	B2026 High Street / Station Road, B2027 Four Elms Road / Clinton Lane / Penshurst Road, B2176 Moorden Lane / Station Hill / Penshurst road, B2188 Fordcombe Road / New Road / Saints Hill / Spring Hill / Fordcombe Road, A264 Ashurst Road, B2026 Hartfield Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(THE LEAS, FOLKESTONE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing Works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on The Leas, Folkestone from its junction with Road of Remembrance to its junction with Langhorne Gardens on or after 5 October 2009 for an estimated period of Two nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via West Terrace, Bouverie Place, Bouverie Road West, Castle Hill Avenue and Langhorne Gardens.

This order will come into force on Monday 5 October 2009 and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(CHURCH HILL, HERNHILL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because gully cleaning works need to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Hill, from its junction with Staple Street, northwards for 100 meters on or after 11 October 2009 for an estimated period of 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Staplestreet Road, Dawes Road, Thread Lane, Crockham Lane, Kays Lane, Kemsdale Road and Staple Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(PARK LANE, MARGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because drainage repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Park Lane, Margate from outside No 6 and No 6A Dane Park Villas on or after 5 October 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Dane Park Road, Danesmead Terrace and Dane Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(CAMDEN ROAD, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because boundary wall repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Camden Road, Ramsgate from junction of Abbots Hill and Hibernia Street on or after 21 September 2009 for an estimated period of 10 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Abbots Hill, Cottage Road and Hibernia Street.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(DANE ROAD, MARGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Dane Road, Margate from the junction of Addiscombe Road to the junction of Victoria Road on or after 21 September 2009 for an estimated period of 2 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Addiscombe Road, Park Crescent Road, Thanet Road and Victoria Road.

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By **STEVE LOADER**

SEAT has whipped the wraps off its most potent model to date – the new Leon Cupra R.

Given its first public outing at the Frankfurt Motor Show, this Spanish scorcher has a 265PS (262bhp) 2.0TSI turbocharged petrol engine capable of taking the car to 62mph in 6.1 seconds.

But the VW-owned 'Auto Emocion' brand – which also produces miserly Ecomotive versions of the Leon – says the performance flagship can still average around 35mpg.

So powerful is the car though that it matches the output of Seat's title-winning diesel powered Leon TDI World Touring Car.

Based on impressions of earlier Cupra models, we can expect the car to handle well, but it will be interesting to see how well it can cope with so much power transmitted through the front wheels.

Some rivals, such as the forthcoming Mazda3 MPS have had to be equipped with limited slip differentials, while the 2.5-litre 300bhp Ford Focus RS has a sophisticated electronics package known as Revo Knuckles.



Seat has developed something similar to the Ford; on top of the usual traction and stability aids the Cupra R will deploy the 'XDS' system used on the 'cooking' version of the Cupra that came out in July.

This mimics a limited slip differential and seeks to eliminate the situation where the car wants to hop from one front wheel to the other as it attempts to apply engine power – a problem usually dubbed 'torque steer'.

But the Cupra R boasts an extra 30bhp more than its sister so we wait to judge; a launch date and price are yet to be confirmed.

What is clear from release shots is that the Cupra R will wear prominent 'R' badges front and back and look the part with its arch-filling 19-inch double-spoke low profile alloys, plus prominent and uprated disc brake callipers.

Bucket seats in grey alcantara, white LED instrument lighting, leather multi-

functional steering wheel and aluminium-trimmed pedals add to the sporty appeal.

For those who want a pocket rocket rather than hot hatch, September sees Seat launch the hottest new shape Ibiza supermini so far.

Again, prices are to be confirmed, but it looks superb and is packed with technology from Seat parent VW, including a big-hitting 150 PS (148bhp) 'twincharger' 1.4-litre TSI petrol engine.

Through the fitting of a supercharger and a turbocharger – a first in the supermini class – Seat has made a heavyweight from a relative flyweight, while ensuring that sensible consumption and emissions remain within reach.

The hi-tech touch also includes VW's latest seven-speed 'DSG' or twin-clutch gearbox with steering wheel shift paddles fitted as standard for sporty manual gear selection.

For those requiring yet more power though, Ibiza Cupra and Bocanegra versions are also in the pipeline.

The latter (see inset) will be the new sporting flagship of the Ibiza line-up.

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## Honda's CR-V is even smoother

HONDA will re-launch its slick Honda CR-V in January 2010, with a new diesel engine and eagerly-awaited auto option.

The CR-V, which Honda has promoted with the line 'Not all 4x4s are the same', has sold well by moving away from rugged off-roader and closer to estate styling, retaining practicality and having a lower centre of gravity for 'car-like' handling.

But a makeover beckoned, so it gets new bumpers and grille, new alloy wheel designs and new premium fabrics and plastics inside.

The audio console has been re-designed and more sound deadening makes the CR-V even quieter and more relaxing car to drive.

The CR-V is built at Swindon for UK sales and export to more than 60 countries.



## Sales boost due as Impreza Boxer diesel enters the ring

SUBARU has its dream ticket – the launch of the Impreza family hatchback with the brand's impressive 2.0-litre Boxer diesel engine.

The Japanese 4x4 specialist, famous for rally-bred sporting models and rugged country set estates and their 'boxer' (horizontally-opposed cylinder) petrol engines, was hit hard by the market's switch to diesels.

With cars built around the boxers' low centre of gravity to boost handling, buying in a conventional diesel from another brand was not an option and Subaru's UK dealer base shrunk alarmingly – it has just two Kent.

After lengthy and expensive development though, Subaru recently launched a boxer diesel that is both



smooth and economical and already seen in its bigger models. Real volume and brand recovery should come though from the new five-door Impreza diesel, which offers 150 PS (148bhp), can average nearly 50mpg and reach 62mph in nine seconds.

It starts at £20,000, but expect keen-

er priced versions once initial demand is sated. For now, buyers get an exceptional specification: 17-inch alloys, electrically-folding door mirrors, front projector foglamps, six-CD player with MP3 facility, cruise control, windscreen wiper de-icer, climate control and heated sports seats.

## Qubo baby MPV gets extra traction

FIAT is just one of three brands who offer an identical new small van-based MPV, but the Italian marque has come up with a point of difference for its Qubo version against rival Peugeot Bipper and Citroën Nemo derivatives.

It's the Qubo Trekking costing £12,650 which, as the name implies, is a ruffy tufty spin-off with rugged add-ons and mud and snow tyres. But it's not all cosmetics; there is also improved handling and control in low-grip conditions.



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by  
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WITH the exception of the Japanese, there is one car industry with the engineering nous and clout to change the motor industry's habits of a lifetime – Germany's.

It is currently celebrating all that is new – and not so new – in the motoring world at the huge Frankfurt Motor Show.

The plethora of alternative power options on display is particularly pleasing this year, but again prompts the question: why not before, since none of the underlying technology is that new?

Well, both customer and carmaker must share the blame: Audi produced a brilliant and eco-friendly small car some 10 years ago.

It was the A2 baby MPV, boasting a lightweight aluminium body, long-legged engines, a slippery, but practical shape and ultra-low fuel consumption for the time.

The technology made it pricey though and even the four rings badge on the bonnet failed to sell it in great numbers.

Try to find one now though with a sensible used price tag and you will struggle; people who already own one know the value of hanging onto it.

If a clever and futuristic car like that failed to sell, you can hardly blame the manufacturers for peddling the same old rubbish we had bought before.

Only now, as the four horsemen – dwindling oil, global warming, recession and legislation – ride is the car industry conjuring rabbits from hats to satisfy a buying consumer audience.

Here are just some of Frankfurt's magical highlights this week:

# Frankfurt conjures rabbit after rabbit



## AUDI E-TRON

AUDI'S superb all-electric supercar Quattro concept, the e-tron, has instant pulling power from an electric motor on each wheel and zero emissions – providing they are not belching from a power station chimney further down the road – and hints at a new motoring golden age.

Perhaps even the sainted Clarkson will cheer up now after being virtually in tears at the end of the latest Top Gear series as he lamented the looming demise of cars like the latest Aston Martin.

## FORD FOCUS ECONETIC

MAKING the point that it probably would not have been hard to have boosted fuel consumption years ago if only car companies and their customers had had to will, Ford is showing a Focus modified to average more than 70mpg.

What's more, the new Focus Econetic will emit just 99g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, so it will be exempt from even the minimum £35/year road tax band.



## VOLKSWAGEN E-UP

IT might sound like an old-fashioned northern greeting, but the Volkswagen E-Up Zero Emissions Concept looks bang on the money for solving city centre emission and congestion problems.

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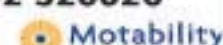
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**A4**, Sport Tdi 130 6-speed, oy04vp, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, rear armrest, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, auto-dip rearview, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, Bose, multi-disc cd player, radio cassette, alloy wheels, visit our website for details of 50 similar Cars. blue metallic, 56000 miles, £8990, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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# Jaguar finally gets over its Groundhog Day nightmare

LEOPARDS don't change their spots, but Jaguar has – at last.

After years stuck in an automotive Groundhog Day, re-creating the style of its 1960s heyday while a loyal fanbase died away, literally, its middleweight XF model re-wrote the styling book last year and will soon be joined by an equally radical XJ.

It announced that Jaguar was ready to innovate again, building a new fan base for something different between 'trad Jag' and the Teutonic triumvirate of Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

And the XF just got better too, with the new 272bhp V6 3.0-litre S twin-turbodiesel version tested here – Jaguar's most powerful diesel so far.

It comes close to answering the age-old question fielded by motoring hacks: "What car would YOU buy if you had the money?"

Normally you ponder what you might need it to do and what running costs and reliability would be like and, and... But this new XF cuts through that Gordian knot of gormlessness by just making you adore it.

It might have escaped trad Jag styling, but the stunning new look harks back to the brand's old-style grace and pace advertising.

It reminds me of another personal favourite, the Mercedes-Benz CLS, thanks to a similar four-door coupé roofline, yet the Jag is a genuine five-seater and more practical; enough to attack overt saloon rivals like the Audi A6, Merc E-Class and, the arch enemy, the BMW

**DrivingReview**



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**JaguarXF**

5-Series. The car not only looks good, but the engine feels so lively yet sensible and shows how far diesel engines have come lately.

There is a pleasing resonance more like a gutsy petrol unit and power delivery comes with such smoothness you almost wish there was more passion.

Most muscle comes from the larger turbo, with the smaller kicking in at 2,800rpm, enabling the car to be both Jaguar and pussy cat.

It responds with dismissive ease when called



to overtake, whether the seamless six-speed auto gearbox is in standard or sport mode.

The latter tightens up throttle and steering response and is the perfect partner to manual selection via steering wheel paddles, allowing you to exploit the rear driven chassis' sure-footedness beneath a typically well-sorted ride quality.

But it is tempting to just idle around know-

ing the Jag can dash to 60mph in under six seconds yet, driven normally, average around 40mpg with CO2 emissions of 179g/km or road tax Band I (£175/yr) – impressive for a rapid and relatively big car.

A junior version of the same engine developing 237bhp rather than 271bhp is even more frugal yet still outperforms the 3.0-litre V6 petrol XF, which is only marginally cheaper –

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who is going to buy that now?

If that heresy rattles some G'n'Ts down at the Jaguar gentlemen's club, then the XF interior should send the ice cubes into orbit.

It is emphatically not old-style 'clubby' Jaguar. We saw hints of a post-Groundhog Day trend when the current XK Coupé arrived and buyers were offered a traditional 'wood and leather' dashboard or Germanic 'techno and alloy' –

and the latter has been winning the vote.

This seemed to sanction a new cabin style for the XF and Jaguar as a whole. The use of wood is understated and the leather wears minimal stitching while the detail is techno.

The last is epitomised by a centre console uncluttered by a gearbox selector; choice of mode is made with a large rotary control knob rising from the console when the starter

button is pressed. The control set all works beautifully and there is even a big boot and folding rear seat backs for longer loads – a far cry from the pinched back ends of the Groundhog era.

Is the XF perfect though? Well, I noticed the wipers struggled to cope with some rain even on double-speed...

Oh, get a life!

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**TheVerdict**

**DON'T LIKE:**  
struggling to find something to moan about. No car is perfect but...

**NOT SURE:**  
the Jaguar traditionalists will be that enamoured with it – but I don't much care

**REALLY LIKE:**  
the fact the all-conquering Germans really do now have a rival to take seriously

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**LACETTI, SX, yb08kpx**, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, traction control, air conditioning, cd player, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, adjustable steering column, automatic electric windows, radio, folding rear seats, head restraints, cloth upholstery, isofix, air conditioning, tinted glass, cigar lighter, front seatbelt pretensioners, space saver spare wheel, interior light with delay, body colour electric adjustable heated door mirrors, tachometer, front passenger grab handle, digital clock, headlamp levelling, instrument panel light dimmer, reclining front seats, front ashtray, remote fuel cap release, body colour door handles, front and rear map pockets, 6 speakers, rear coat hook, passenger sunvisor with concealed vanity mirror, passenger seat side pocket, rear window demister with timer, driver sunglasses holder, metallic-look fascia, leather gear knob, body coloured bodyside mouldings, keyless entry system, rear heating vent, centre room lamp, front map lights, windscreen aerial, ashtray light, driver seatbelt warning indicator, passenger sunvisor with concealed vanity mirror, chrome interior door handles, driver's lumbar support, 3 rear 3 point seatbelts with elc, tailgate opening grip handle with actuator, shopping hook, metallic paint instrument panel, front and rear map pockets, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

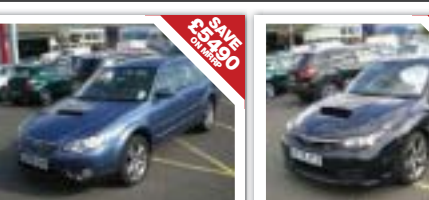
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**MATIZ, SE, 52711314**, abs, air bag, immobiliser, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, rear spoiler, front fog lamps, rear headrests, automatic electric windows, radio, child locks, pas, cigar lighter, door pockets, day/night rear view mirror, driver sunglasses holder, assist grips, 60/40 split fold rear seat back, centre console storage/coin space, high mounted stop lamp, front room lamp, body coloured door mirrors, drivers footrest, luggage area lamp, keyless entry system, cup holder, front seatbelt pretensioners, remote fuel filler release, card holder, 2 front speakers, 3 point rear seatbelts with elr, 4 spoke leather steering wheel, passenger under seat tray, driver's footrest, height adjustable front seatbelts, keyless entry system, digital clock, two auxiliary power outlets, front and rear map pockets, 6 speakers, rear coat hook, passenger sunvisor with concealed vanity mirror, passenger seat side pocket, rear window demister with timer, driver sunglasses holder, metallic-look fascia, headlamp levelling, centre room lamp, driver seatbelt warning indicator, battery saver function, driver/passenger front seatback pockets, driver seat height adjust, body colour door/boot handles, knee protector, floor covering carpet with heel mat, audio remote control in steering wheel, tailgate opening grip handle with actuator, shopping hook, metallic paint instrument panel, leather gear knob, sunvisor with ticket holder, rear window vent, floor net, ashtray light, front centre armrest with deposit box, front side impact pad door trim, coat box in glove compartment, one-touch close driver's window, black, 4000 miles, £7495, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

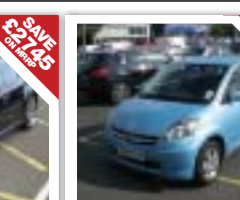
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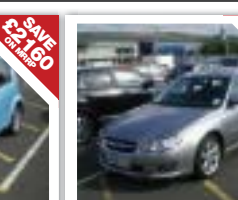
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**BERLINGO**, 1.6HDI 600Kg Enterprise Diesel, gf08cnn, rear wiper, white, 10 miles, £6995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.0i Vibe 3dr Hatch, lv57unb, pas, abs, radio/cd, passenger airbag, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, cloth seat trim, full size spare wheel, steel wheels, rear wiper, front head restraints, carlinite grey metallic, 5150 miles, £5985, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**C2**, 1.4 HDi SX, gx56psx, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, atomic velour interior, audio steering wheel mounted controls, body coloured bumpers, driver seat height adjustment, driver, passenger and front side air bags, electricdoor mirrors, electronic brake force distribution, front electric windows, front fog lights, front/rear head restraints, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio/cd, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, remote central door locking, spare wheel, speakers, black metallic, 38540 miles, £3285, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**C2**, Airplus Plus 3dr, gl57evr, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, air conditioning, stereo, electric front windows, trip computer, electric mirrors, automatic electric windows, radio, mp3 player, head restraints, cloth upholstery, ipod, isofix, air conditioning, full size spare wheel, rear wiper, rev counter, height/reach adjust steering wheel, height adjustable front seatbelts, locking fuel filler cap, service interval indicator, digital clock, pollen filter, automatic activation of hazard warning lights, twin rear fog/reversing lights, steering wheel mounted audio controls, pas variable, 4 three point inertia reel seatbelts, auto door+tailgate locking (when car in motion), storage compartment in tailgate, pack lock c2, split opening tailgate, air recirculation system, 14" steel wheels, front door pockets, high level third brake light, rear storage pockets, front seatbelt pretensioners with force limiters, deadlocks, tinted windows, audible speed warning programmable, black panel night illumination, drivers one touch window with anti-pinch feature, split folding rear seat, tickle holder inside windscreen, digital dashboard display, energy absorbing side impact protection, aluminium effect front vents, cargo strap fitted to boot floor, crystal translucent gear knob, 12v socket, aluminium silver, 3000 miles, £5995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**C3**, Exclusive, gu08kbn, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, air conditioning, stereo, electric front windows, trip computer, front fog lamps, automatic electric windows, radio, mp3 player, child locks, head restraints, isofix, 16" alloys, height adjustable front seatbelts, digital clock, oil temperature gauge, height adjustable front headrests, centre console with cupholders, cigarette lighter, audible lights on warning, lockable glovebox, pen holder in centre console, multi function display, full size spare wheel, passenger seat height adjuster, upper glovebox, locking fuel filler cap, auto door lock when driving, drivers one touch window with anti-pinch feature, automatic boot locking, digital dashboard display, air recirculation system, aluminium gear knob, driver/passenger armrests, pollen filter, rear parcel shelf, front seatback pockets, audible speed warning programmable, body colour bumper skirts, height adjustable headlamps, maintenance indicator, high level third brake light, black panel night illumination, drawer under drivers seat, oil level indicator, 5 three point inertia reel seatbelts, coolant level warning indicator, split folding rear seat, aluminium effect interior door handles, tilt/height adjustable steering wheel, energy absorbing side impact protection, door pockets on all four doors, aluminium effect front vents, headed rear window with intermittent wash/wipe, automatic activation of hazard warning lights, twin sunvisors and covered mirrors + map holder, 'guide me home' headlamps, steering wheel mounted audio controls, rev counter with white lighting, driver's side windscreen mounted ticket holders, pack look c3, finkel velour upholsterys, rear fog and reversing lamps, variable pas, 16" cheetah alloy wheels, grey, 2000 miles, £9995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**FIAT**

**DOBLO**, 1.9 Multijet Dynamic 5dr [120] Diesel Estate, rv58jvt, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, radio/cd, trip computer, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, immobiliser, front armrest, front head restraints, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear wiper, cloth seat trim, height adjustable drivers seat, rear headrests, folding rear seats, body coloured bumpers, service indicator, space saver spare wheel, lumbar support, beige metallic, 17250 miles, £8998, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**DOBLO**, 8v Dynamic Hr, xy57pwn, grey, 1700 miles, £7495, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**DOBLO**, Bonhoffa Hot & Cold Catering Vending Truck, av05nwl, bonhoffa conversion, hot cabinet, cold cabinet, 3x access hatches, hand wash, led internal lighting, white, 29000 miles, £11995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**DUCATO**, 35 Lwb 120 Multijet Refrigerated Chiller, wp56ofg, due in soon, side load door, dual passenger seat, cd player, air bag, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, grp lined, hubbard fridge, electric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 20000 miles, £11995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, gf06xmh, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, front head restraints, service indicator, height adjustable drivers seat, full size spare wheel, steel wheels, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear wiper, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser's blue metallic, 9500 miles, £5555, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, ak06xnp, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, alloy wheels, trip computer, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, folding rear seats, service indicator, full size spare wheel, immobiliser, isofix child seat anchor points, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear wiper, body coloured bumpers, height adjustable drivers , 32000 miles, £5485, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, ea06xop, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, alloy wheels, trip computer, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, folding rear seats, service indicator, full size spare wheel, immobiliser, isofix child seat anchor points, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, body coloured bumpers, height adjustable drivers seat, rear wiper, cloth seat trim, front head restraints, crossover black metallic, 26950 miles, £5996, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, gf09bka, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, rear headrests, isofix child seat anchor points, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, height adjustable drivers seat, rear wiper, full size spare wheel, front head restraints, folding rear seats, service indicator, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser, new wave blue metallic, 2000 miles, £8998, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, bj56vtg, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, rear armrest, service indicator, rear wiper, full size spare wheel, red, 14150 miles, £5985, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, bg56ypk, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, front head restraints, service indicator, height adjustable drivers seat, full size spare wheel, steel wheels, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear wiper, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, height adjustable drivers seat, rear wiper, full size spare wheel, jungle grey metallic, 3074 miles, £7987, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, lm08vue, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, alloy wheels, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, folding rear seats, service indicator, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, height adjustable drivers seat, rear wiper, full size spare wheel, jungle grey metallic, 3074 miles, £7987, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, gf06ukz, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, front head restraints, service indicator, jungle grey metallic, 30620 miles, £5395, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**GRANDE Punto**, ad56ftw, immobiliser, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, 16" alloys, blue, 26000 miles, £5999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**PANDA**, Dynamic 5dr Auto, mk56 yzw, air conditioning, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, roof rails, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, turquoise, 18200 miles, £4295, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Mia 3dr, ax03 bwh, power steering, air bag, radio cassette, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, rear wash/wipe, black, 50900 miles, £2995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 1.2, 2002, burnt orange, 52651 miles, £1995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 2004, met blue, 50234 miles, £3995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Sporting 16v 3dr, 1459461, power steering, cd player, electric front windows, air conditioning, remote central locking, abs, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, radio, electric mirrors, s, titanium grey met, 40000 miles, £3999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, ELX 3dr, y435jvx, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, cd player, radio, blue, 70000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, ELX 16v Speedgear 5dr auto, y813mub, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, stereo, gold, 50000 miles, £2999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**SCUDO**, El Pv, ae53zfc, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, stereo, blue, 96000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**SCUDO**, Bonhoffa Hot & Cold Catering Vending Truck, fm54yvl, bonheffer catering van, large oven display, large fridge display, handwash facilities, cost new over £35,000!, silver, 34000 miles, £11995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA**, LX Zetec 5dr, w983gdo, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, air conditioning, electric windows, anthracite purple met, 60000 miles (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Freestyle, 2001 (y), fantastic low mileage ford fiesta freestyle - 2001 (y) only 21, 000 miles, 2 family owners, excellent condition, petrol, 5 door hatchback, 1.242 cc, manual, drivers airbag, rear wiper, body coloured bumpers, alloy wheels - mot June 2010 and taxed 01622-757280 - allington, maidstone - silver grey, £2695, michael smoker, 01622757280 (PRIVATE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8TDCi Titanium 5dr\*\*\*\*SPORT PACK LEATHER\*\*\*\*, ek58ygg, 18 alloys, ford direct vehicle, full leather trim, rain sensing wipers, sports pack, abs, 14525 miles, £14295, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6TDCi Zetec 5dr, ap08nfn, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, front armrest, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, insurance group:7, grey, 28102 miles, £11195, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8 Zetec 5dr - SPORTS PACK ZETEC, ng08hzh, metallic vision. sports pack zetec, privacy glass, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child seats, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, colour coding , tinted glass, blue, 24000 miles, £11495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8TDCi Zetec 5dr - PRIVACY GLASS & 16 ALLOYS, oe08eaf, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, colour coding interior, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, extra seats, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio, remote locking, radio/cd, silver, 25500 miles, £10695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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# It's a Scrappage cliffhanger

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MOTOR dealers across Kent fear a major setback in the fragile recovery of car sales if the Government fails to top up its fast-dwindling Scrappage incentive scheme.

One manufacturer says sales will "fall off a cliff" unless the Government carries on giving its half of a £2,000 grant towards a new car in part exchange for scrapping one at least 10 years old. Carmakers and dealers pick up the other half of the tab.

Scrappage was expected to last until March 2010 after the Treasury set aside £3 billion in May, but it reckoned without pent-up demand, consumer desire to downsize to more economical and eco-friendly cars and top-ups from manufacturers keen to simply move metal.

As a result the fund will most likely run out next month – just six months on.

Hyundai UK MD Tony Whitehorn, whose company has enjoyed a sales boom through Scrappage said: "It has been a massive success but if it comes to a sudden halt we will see car sales across the industry fall off a cliff. We need the Government to start thinking about what



**SCRAPPAGE EFFECT:** The Chevrolet Matiz is among the smaller cars to have received a sales boost. **LEFT:** Hyundai UK MD Tony Whitehorn



comes next. The scheme has to end at some point, we all understand that, but it needs to be a gradual landing."

The German market shows what could happen if grants stop. Toyota Motor Europe chief Didier Leroy said: "The market has gone dead because the government hasn't announced what happens next. Everyone is expecting some sort of replacement scheme, but until they are told what it is they're staying out of the showrooms."

Apprehension is building here too, say Kent dealers. Caffyns' Tunbridge Wells general sales manager Andy Kitney said: "We're still

taking orders, but the money is running out.

"It is not as if the past few months have been particularly profitable, because it's smaller cars that are selling and dealers make little except for add-ons or finance we sell on top.

"And we could suffer a double hit if VAT returns to 17.5 per cent later this year and affects orders taken, but not yet fulfilled."

Best seller at his Chevrolet and Vauxhall site is the former's Matiz city car, selling for just £4,295 after the £2,000 Scrappage grant.

He said: "Nobody can make money at a price like that, but we have to take positives and recognise that is another customer who, hope-

fully, will use our servicing facilities and buy again later. Scrappage has affected our used car sales because it has taken older cars off the market, meaning traders and customers for those have had to trade up, knocking on up the line, so we have more people competing and higher prices at auction for stock."

Kevin Ferrell, dealer principal at Canterbury Mazda and Hyundai, also has mixed feelings about Scrappage.

"We're on course to claw back to our original sales target by year end and it has undoubtedly generated showroom traffic and future business for our workshops, but margins have been tight," he said.

He added 70 per cent of Hyundai Scrappage sales have been for its little i10 city car and the i20 supermini.

"But at least the industry and the trade has saved money by not having to advertise or promote so much," he said. "We'll definitely miss it if Scrappage grants dry up.

"We heard this week the recession is all but ended, but unemployment is still likely to hit three million. While people worry about losing their jobs, they keep tightening their belts."

Motorline Toyota manager Robert Hobbs at Canterbury was also concerned: "It's been good mainly for our Aygo and Yaris small cars which means difficult margins, but it has generated traffic and interest and some business, so you have to hope the Government finds more cash."

A PRIVATE charter plane operator which organised the flights for Manchester United's pre-season tour of Asia, has set up its UK headquarters in the county.

Gainjet Aviation, based in Athens, Greece, has established its UK sales team at Kent International Airport, Thanet, from where it will charter its fleet of private jets based around the world.

The company – which counts among its VIP customers presidents, royalty, actors and musicians – had considered Heathrow and Gatwick, but chose KIA due to the ease of operating its planes at the airport and its sales force living locally.

Recently it chartered a Boeing 757 airliner for Manchester United and managed all five flights for the club's Asian jaunt.

The team of Deborah Knips and Natalie Aylett persuaded the Athens management to

## No pain with Gainjet base at airport

make the UK operation permanent after it proved a success despite the recession.

Captain Ramsey Shaban, chief executive of Gainjet, said: "We were confident the team would prove themselves and the results have been tremendous.

"The next step in our UK presence was to find suitable accommodation, ideally close to

an airport. KIA was just what we were looking for. It's likely we will need to grow the team in the near future."

Ms Knips said: "Locating us at the airport makes perfect sense for Gainjet. It ensures we can be on hand to assist crew and customers, and because we are on call 24/7 every other week, we can be close to home as well as the office."

Matt Clarke, chief executive of KIA, said: "We have seen a rise in the level of interest by private charter and business jet operators and are delighted Gainjet has moved in.

"From an operational view, KIA has advantages over other airports for the private aircraft operators around the south east, and this is increasingly being recognised."

Gainjet also has operations in Paris, Dubai, Sharjah and Amman. The move will see the company base three of its planes at KIA.



**SITTING PRETTY:** Deborah Knips, left, and Natalie Aylett at Kent International



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# Wildlife park set to host black tie environmental awards evening

## Awards night to turn you a subtle shade of green

BLACK ties will usher in a green tinge to proceedings this week as companies battle for honours in an environmental awards ceremony.

The setting for the Kent Environment Business of the Year 2009 will be, somewhat fittingly, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe – a park renowned for its conservation projects.

It takes place this coming Thursday – September 24 – and this year marks its 21st anniversary.

The awards are designed to recognise and reward the innovative environmental and community work undertaken by Kent businesses, and are backed by the likes of Kent County Council, power group E.ON and the Environment Agency, among others.

### Excellence

A spokesman for the awards said: "In the 21-year history of the Environment Awards for Kent Business, hundreds of organisations – of all sizes and business sectors – have demonstrated excellence in corporate responsibility and environmental performance.

"These market leaders have enhanced the reputation of their businesses and gained a valuable competitive edge through good practice."

Hosted by Geoff Clark, formerly of BBC South East Today, the black-tie ceremony will see 12 shortlisted companies from across the



**WINNING SMILE:** Susi Anderson, left, of current Kent Environmental Business trophy holders Stone Circle Livery in Woodchurch, with Alex Green of KCC at Port Lympne

county gather to find out which will become the Kent Environment Business of the Year 2009. The winning business will receive the individually handcrafted trophy and five theme winners will receive a specially

designed plaque. The current holder of the prestigious title is Stone Circle Livery in Woodchurch, near Ashford, which was the UK's first and only fully organic horse livery yard. The family-owned business was recog-

nised for its careful land management and its work creating new habitat and woodland, restoring ponds and recreating wildflower meadows not widely seen in the UK since medieval times.

This year's shortlist comprises: GSE Haulage, Ashford; H+H UK, a supplier of aircrete systems based in Borough Green; Invicta Clean Energy, Faversham; Dover-based freight forwarders John Shirley; Let's Go Green Cabs, Sittingbourne; Luddesdown Organic Farms, near Cobham; Maidstone Leisure Centre; Maro Foods, Maidstone; Real Hair and Beauty, a Tunbridge Wells-based salon; the Rose and Crown pub near Selling, Faversham; Singleton Environment Centre, Ashford; and social housing contractor United House, Swanley.

### Delighted

Alex Green, sustainable business programme manager at Kent County Council, organisers of the awards, said: "We have been delighted to have such a range of businesses enter the awards this year.

"It proves that whatever size and whichever sector your company is from, you can do something that will benefit the environment and be recognised for it."

During the evening, a keynote speech will be delivered by Tim Pyke, head of climate change for E.ON, and will cover the energy issues that face the world today as well as E.ON's role in the south east.

**FIGURES** suggest the bulk of companies are run by them – and in these times of economic struggle they continue to provide the backbone to our business communities.

Now family-run businesses are being urged to enter a competition to land a prize recognising their efforts.

The hunt has begun for the winner of the Coutts Prize for Family Business 2009/10.

Coutts' Tunbridge Wells office is spearheading the search for Kent firms in what has become the only regional programme in England and Wales celebrating the overall best performing medium and large-sized family businesses within the south.

The prize has three regions: northern England and the Midlands; London and Greater London; and southern England and Wales. John Goss, senior client partner for Coutts, said: "Up to 75 per cent of businesses in Kent are run by families and across the UK these account for a large share of UK GDP and employment.

"They also enter each and every one of our lives far more than we realise, from the wine we drink and the cars we drive to the offices and homes we work and live in.

"Yet even today, much of their work goes largely unrecognised and they get very little help with tackling unique challenges in areas such as business succession."

## In praise of the family firm

Nominations are reviewed by an independent evaluation committee made up of family business owners, academics and advisers. To qualify for nomination, businesses must:

- Have their headquarters in England or Wales
- Be wholly or mainly carrying on a trading activity
- Be companies or firms over which the family have significant influence
- Consider themselves to be a family business, though family members need not be involved in the management
- Have been profitable in at least two of the last three years

There are two turnover categories: medium £5-25 million; and large £25m plus

The prize is endorsed by organisations such as the British Chambers of Commerce, Cranfield University, and the Society for Trust and Estate Practitioners.

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# Quick to capitalise

WITH less than 100 days to go before the full launch of the high-speed rail services, a major promotion highlighting the business benefits of the route has been unveiled.

The Kent – Closer Than You Think campaign is being rolled out across the capital with poster advertising on the Tube network and a radio campaign.

It is designed to highlight Kent's position to do business and the ideal site for commercial operations to relocate.

It builds on the key selling points of the Ashford to St Pancras International route being slashed to just 37 minutes, while Ebbsfleet is now a mere 17 minutes away.

A trial period is now ongoing, with direct services from the two Kent destinations.

In fact it proved so successful, it has now rolled out additional services – plus extended the trial timetable to take in Canterbury,

Dover, Ramsgate and Folkestone.

The full service goes live across the county in December. Investment promotion agency Locate in Kent is running the campaign alongside Ashford's Future, Kent County Council, Kent Thameside Regeneration Partnership, Medway Council and Southeastern Trains.

The campaign includes promotion and a 'vodcast' (video podcast) with London radio station LBC 97.3, advertising on Underground trains and Southeastern's metro services and direct marketing to businesses in the capital.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "As the county is benefiting from the first domestic high-speed rail services in the UK, we're in an enviable position and we want companies to know that Kent is the place to do business.

"As well as high-speed connections to Europe and the city, Kent benefits from a lower cost-base than London, making it a convenient and practical business location.

"We have no doubt the services will have a

positive effect on regeneration, the economy and the creation of jobs in the county.

"There's also the added bonus that it's a greener way to travel than by car. Even before the services began, business people and developers believed they would make Kent a more attractive business location, and we expect the interest to grow."

THE sometimes controversial county council website, [www.kenttv.com](http://www.kenttv.com), has undergone a major facelift.

The taxpayer-funded site – which boasts a number of video channels – has deployed a revamped design and navigational system as it enters its second year.

Kent TV editor John McGhie said: "The site is now at a stage where traffic is at a constant high, content is better than ever and we believe it is an excellent foundation to build on over the coming years."

Kent TV is operated by Ten Alps Digital. It has come under fire for its expense to taxpayers.

PERMISSION has been granted to extend Sittingbourne's Kent Science Park. Swale council planners gave their consent to extend the development and create room for an extra 500 jobs.

The investment, worth in the region of £15-20 million over the next five years, will see the park extended by four hectares to 26 hectares.

The decision also gives LaSalle Investment Management, the park's managers, the green light to develop up to 12,000 sq m of business floor-space, as well as a further two technology units.

AYLESFORD chartered accountants McLean Reid will be holding a Better Business Breakfast at the Holiday Inn, Rochester, on Tuesday.

The breakfast, which starts at 8am, will include five talks covering business finance, taxation, business growth and customer care.

It costs £10 to attend, with a contribution of that charge going to Cancer Research.

Call 01622 790035 to book.

AN ENGINEER from Maidstone has been awarded technician membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers. Martin Hopper, a University of Kent graduate, has worked in the industry for eight years, including on the redevelopment of King's Cross.

MARKETING consultancy Maxim has hired another recruit.

The Tunbridge Wells-based media relations firm has appointed Victoria Grigg, 22, as a graduate trainee. She will assist across a range of the agency's accounts.

HI-TECH company Synchronica will release its financial results on Tuesday.

The Tunbridge Wells-based, AIM-listed mobile email and synchronisation provider, will announce results for the six months ended June 30.

## Credit checks safeguard against risky customers

DON'T make the mistake of not carrying out credit checks on new customers, a business information provider has warned.

Recent reports indicate up to 73 per cent of companies in the UK fail to carry out the basic form of protection against the threat of bad debt.

According to Equifax, recent figures reveal bad debts are on the increase, with figures showing a 20 per cent rise in late payments, while small businesses have had to write-off almost £5 billion of bad debt in the last year.

Nic Beishon, head of Equifax commercial information solutions, said: "Trading in a recession opens a business to all kinds of

risk. Indeed our most recent report on business failures showed that 8,874 businesses went bust in the second quarter of 2009 and for many of these the payment record and financial stability of existing customers is likely to have been a contributing factor in their downfall.

"It is crucial to remember not all new business is good business. It only takes one or two customers going bust to jeopardise a company's own financial standing.

"Yet it only takes a few simple credit checks and the monitoring on key customers to help a business safeguard against bad risk and secure a good financial future."



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**M**Y BACKGROUND was in the corporate world, where we regularly reviewed our business performance using whichever metrics that particular company favoured.

One of the things I have found difficult in my own business is identifying the key areas I should be measuring and tracking – and actually getting round to doing it.

I know that is the same for many small-business owners, to the extent that many don't even know where their leads and customers have come from.

If you don't agree with me, just think how many times you've spoken to a small-business owner and been asked where you heard

about them? Exactly – not that often.

One of the things I really like about online marketing is that it is comparatively easy to measure and track results, without needing to remember to ask customers where they have come from.

In fact, you can get together quite a comprehensive list of metrics very easily.

The first, most obvious metric you can track is how many people have taken up your 'call to action'. Ideally every page of your website should include a call to action of some description, and by that I mean you give your website visitor something to do as a result of reading your web page.

So, for example, you might give away a free report in exchange for their email address, so you can add them to your mailing list and keep in touch with them.

If that's the case then you can easily track how many people are on your mailing list at the end of every week or month.

Once you have the number, you are in a position to decide whether to tweak your offer in any way to try to improve that number, perhaps by changing the title of the report, changing the process to request the report, tweaking the copy on the page etc.

Once you are tracking how many people are taking up your call to action, what else would it be useful to know?

It would be good to know how many people are visiting that page in the first place, to enable you to work out what's known as the conversion rate for that page.

The conversion rate is calculated as the number of visitors that take



**NICE FIGURES:** Knowing how your site is performing - and how to improve it - is vital

up the call to action divided by the number of visitors to the website in the first place, shown as a percentage by multiplying by 100.

And again, once you have that figure, it is something that you will be

**'Analytics can be quite addictive – assuming the numbers are going up ...'**

able to track and try to improve.

So, how do we get the information about numbers of visitors to your website?

You need to get an analytics programme set up on your site that gives you access to those sort of metrics. You can install Google

Analytics, which is a free service you can add to your Google account, or your webmaster may have their own analytics programme already installed on your website.

Once you have the programme installed, you need to build in some time every week and/or month to review the data you get (otherwise what's the point?). The metrics that you could start with are:

- Unique visitors – those who have visited your website for the first time. These are potential new leads for you; how can you ensure they take up your call to action?
- Returning visitors – those who have visited before and come back. This gives you a good idea of how 'sticky' your site is, in other words, how useful the site is to your visitors. How can you ensure they take up your call to action?
- Where traffic comes from – is it mainly coming direct (by typing in your url), or are people finding you by searching Google, or have they come referred by Facebook or Twitter, or any of the directories

that you are listed in?

Where should you spend your time to improve the traffic?

- What keywords are people using to find your site? This can help you by highlighting which keywords you should be optimising your site for and to give you some ideas of new landing pages that you should consider creating (pages designed with those particular keywords in mind that you can use as an entry point to your site).

It can get quite addictive looking at the analytics on your site – assuming the numbers are going up, of course. Which brings us back to the question of do you know your numbers? It's really hard to do anything to improve your results if you don't know what they are in the first place.

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WHEN multi-millionaire landlords Judith and Fergus Wilson decided to sell their portfolio of 700 homes recently, it made national headlines.

Not only did it send out a very clear message on the state of the property market, but it would have made some estate agents rather anxious about a flood of properties coming on the market at such a deflated time.

But what has not been written about has been the boom in business this decision has had for some local businesses.

None more so than a Maidstone branch of solicitors given the job of handling the disposal of the hundreds of properties. For Gullands, it was an early Christmas present.

"Well, it means we will be very busy conveying 700 or more homes," said Blair Gulland, the firm's chairman. "Which could be a record for any law firm."

It's little wonder the disposal of such a large portfolio has created such a stir.

### Impeccable timing

The Wilsons rose to prominence after abandoning their careers as teachers in Ashford to start wheeling and dealing in the property market, with impeccable timing.

As they snapped up whole estates of new homes being built in Kent, the boom in house prices ensured they became very rich very quickly.

The couple were 793rd on The Sunday Times Rich List this year, with a combined value of £70 million.

Mrs and Mrs Wilson retained Gullands' services last year and since then Mr Gulland has been assisting them in identifying potential buyers for the giant portfolio.

Mr Wilson said: "All the homes are now up for sale and we will not compromise on price as our experience is that prices are on the up again, particularly in Ashford where the bulk of the portfolio is."

"Because of the upsurge in interest and prices, Judith and I have decided that now is the time to capitalise and retire."

"This does not mean the market will be

# Wilson's retire, but Blair will be very busy



**FOR SALE:** Maidstone solicitor Blair Gulland (left) will be kept busy disposing of Judith and Fergus Wilson's property portfolio after the couple, above, decided to sell their 700 homes

flooded with homes. Tenants, we hope, will be secure as any investor purchasing 700 homes will realise that good tenants are a wonderful asset and will need to be retained.

"We have already received a number of approaches from investors, including a consor-

tium of professional footballers and funds from Russia and the Far East. This summer alone the increase in prices has added £1 million to the value of the portfolio."

Mr Gulland said: "The upturn is good news for everyone after such a dire period."

## MORTGAGE RATES

**RT:** Rate type **R%:** Rate percentage **L:** Loan **U:** Until  
**OD:** Other details

### FIXED

**WOOLWICH**  
**RT:** FIXED **R%:** 4.09% **L:** 70% **U:** 31/10/2011  
**OD:** £1,329

### MORTGAGE BOX ITL

**RT:** FIXED **R%:** 4.89% **L:** 75% **U:** 31/03/2011  
**OD:** £1,184

### MARSDEN

**RT:** FIXED **R%:** 5.69% **L:** 80% **U:** 30/10/2011  
**OD:** £1,123

### ABBEY

**RT:** FIXED **R%:** 4.18% **L:** 70% **U:** 02/12/2011  
**OD:** £1,030

### OTHER

**ABBEY**  
**RT:** TRACKER **R%:** 2.99% **L:** 70% **U:** 3 YEARS  
**OD:** £1,030

### DARLINGTON

**RT:** DISCOUNTED VARIABLE **R%:** 3.15% **L:** 70%  
**U:** 30/11/2011 **OD:** £1,320

### MARSDEN

**RT:** DISCOUNTED VARIABLE **R%:** 3.09% **L:** 75%  
**U:** 30/11/2011 **OD:** £1,123

### ALLIANCE & LEICESTER

**RT:** TRACKER **R%:** 3.09% **L:** 70% **U:** 2 YEARS  
**OD:** £1,305

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AEGON SCOT EQ	£16.77	LV=	£13.31
BRIGHT GREY	£18.19	BRIGHT GREY	£13.51
MALE AGED 40		FEMALE AGED 40	
AEGON SCOT EQ	£17.35	LEGAL & GENERAL	£13.50
SCOT PROVIDENT	£17.62	SCOT PROVIDENT	£13.68
LEGAL & GENERAL	£17.85	BUPA	£14.83
LV=	£17.99	LV=	£14.88
BUPA	£18.72	AEGON SCOT EQ	£15.16

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**CHARTERED accountants Burgess Hodgson have been shortlisted for a national award.**

The Canterbury firm beat off competition from across the UK to join four other firms on the shortlist for the Accountancy Age Awards' Medium Firm of the Year. Since opening in 1976 with two partners and two staff, Burgess Hodgson has grown to 10 partners and more than 80 staff.

Meanwhile, regional accountancy firm Reeves+Neylan is in the running in the same awards, in the Large Firm category. The firm has offices in Chatham, Canterbury and Dover. The winners will be announced on November 18 at the Battersea Park Arena, London.

**AN AGREEMENT to enhance local support services has been signed by Business Support Kent and Sevenoaks District Council.**

They put pen to paper on a partnership that sets out how the two bodies will work more closely for the benefit of residents and businesses.

Tony Bartlett, strategic partnership manager for Business Link Kent, said: "This will ensure that people in Sevenoaks who are thinking about starting an enterprise, and existing businesses, will get easier access, more comprehensive advice and an enhanced level of service."

"By working together we want to work to sustain and grow the prosperity of the district," he added.

## Rebranded Absolute aims to take pressure off growing businesses

ESTABLISHED and start-up businesses can access funding lines of anywhere between £25,000 to £2.5 million courtesy of a new fund.

It comes from Absolute Invoice Finance – the independent business financier formerly known as Cattles Invoice Finance.

To mark its rebranding, the nationwide firm – with its south east headquarters in Maidstone – has launched a £100m fund dedicated to supporting established, early stage and start-up businesses.

Now it is offering businesses in the county the opportunity to access funding in a bid to ease the pressures placed on entrepreneurial firms since the onset of the recession.

The acquisition of Absolute from former parent, Cattle plc, by financial services specialist private equity firm AnaCap Financial Partners, was completed this week.

Doug Crawford, chief executive of Absolute Invoice Finance, said: "Despite recent reports suggesting an upturn in the economy, entrepreneurs are still having to battle to secure funding to grow their businesses."

"Against that backdrop, many small and medium-size enterprises are also experiencing delayed payments from customers and struggling to access credit insurance to protect them against the risk of bad debt."

"For start-ups, early stage businesses and even those with long and successful trading histories, that has created ongoing difficulties in maintaining healthy cashflow, let alone planning for growth."

"With the support of AnaCap, an exceptionally strong balance sheet and a substantial new funding line from Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance, we are now an extremely well capitalised business. That, together with significant headroom in our working capital position, means we are heading into the market confident and with a fierce appetite to do deals."

"We are committed to providing the same positive and bright future to the UK's dynamic small and medium enterprise sector."

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## Timeline

Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear

1909

**100 YEARS AGO:** THE highlight of a full weekend of football action was New Brompton's 2-0 win over Southampton at Priestfield, in front of a crowd of around 5,000.

Reynolds missed a penalty, but the Saints' defence finally buckled when Court scored 20 minutes after the break and Glover then scored an own goal to make it 2-0.

Brompton's strength in depth was shown when their reserves beat Maidstone United 4-0 in front of a poor crowd at the Athletic Ground, while elsewhere Northfleet beat Sittingbourne 4-2, Dartford thrashed Sheppey 4-0 and Gravesend squeezed past the Engineers 2-1.

Tunbridge Wells were thrashed 6-1 by New Crusaders in the Kent Senior Cup.

1959

**50 YEARS AGO:** KENT announced that despite a moderate season they took £2,500 more in gate money than they had in 1958. Membership was also up, with 550 more members than the previous year.

Some 55 young bowlers attended a trial at the St Lawrence Ground, with Colin Cowdrey, Alan Dixon and Peter Jones batting against the potential new recruits in the nets, while manager Les Ames looked for potential new recruits.

"I found the average standard most encouraging: they were better than I ever expected," said Ames, who had otherwise been despondent about the team's overall displays in 1959.

He asked a dozen hopefuls to attend indoor schools during the winter so their progress could be monitored.



**RELIEVED:** Chris Tavare stood down as Kent captain in a bid to rediscover his batting form

1984

**25 YEARS AGO:** CHRIS Cowdrey was appointed Kent's new captain and handed the task of ending a trophy drought that went back to 1978.

Cowdrey was given the role on a permanent basis after impressing the cricket committee with his performances as a stand-in when Chris Tavare was on Test duty.

With Tavare's batting suffering, it was hoped dropping down to the ranks would allow him to regain his form, while the county were also hopeful Graham Dilley would be back, after missing the entire 1984 season with a back injury.

Derek Underwood and Alan Ealham were preparing to play a two v 11 match against Benenden, recreating a game from 1834 when two players, EG Wenman and Richard Mills of Benenden, took on 11 men from the Isle-of-Oxney.

# A jewel in the town

Athletic Ground's glory years followed by slow decline as Stones' home

## Going over old ground

By FRED ATKINS

THE land to the north of London Road and west of Leafy Lane in Maidstone was the Athletic Ground, the kind of sports facility residents of the county town can now only dream of.

Now, sadly, the space which was once an orchard and a hop garden, has been home to a half-deserted retail park for nearly a century.

Bought for £6,500 in 1893, the 40-acre site opened in 1895 and went on to host athletics, cricket, cycling, greyhound racing, both codes of rugby and most memorably of all football – as the home of Maidstone United.

The main stand evolved into one of the largest in the county, able to accommodate the club's offices, trophy and board rooms, bars and a vice-president's lounge.

### Vocal

At the London Road end, the terracing, including the infamous Critics Corner, formed an amphitheatre, while opposite the tunnel, the Scotsman stand housed the most vocal fans in a wing known as the Shed.

It was one of the county's top grounds, an opinion certainly held by the KCFA, who used it to stage the Kent Senior Cup final for decades – the biggest crowd in the venue's history was in 1939, when Tunbridge Wells Rangers played Gillingham in a final watched by 13,500 fans.

The biggest attendance of the post-war era was 10,591, when the Stones played Charlton in an FA Cup third round replay in 1979, losing 2-1 after a delay caused by floodlight failure.



**TOP GROUND:** The prestigious Athletic stadium in Maidstone was the envy of many a county football team and (right) a packed terrace during a game in 1903



The first team to play at the Athletic Ground were called Mid Kent, but they quickly folded, to be replaced by the newly-formed United, who relocated from Postley Fields.

The Stones' first game there was a 4-1 friendly defeat to Chatham Town on April 20, 1888, 90 years and three days before they played there for the last time against Stafford Rangers, which they won 4-2.

During that time United flitted between the leagues, until the arrival of the late Jim Thompson as chairman at the end of the 1960s, who took the club on an initially exhilarating ride that turned into a Greek tragedy.

Thompson undoubtedly transformed the ground, but his insatiable desire to get United into the Football League spelt the end.

By 1983 the Football League had given it an 'A' grading, making Maidstone eligible to go up, but the club's election literature, which described it, with some justification, as the finest non-league ground in the country, failed to sway enough of the 92 club chairmen needed to secure the votes needed for promotion in either 1983 or 1984.

Just three years later, Thompson had concluded the club had to leave, lest it have to drop from the Conference into a lower league.

Yet if an exact replica of the Athletic Ground were built today, it would still be one of the top five grounds in Kent and however bad it allegedly was in 1970, or even 1988, having a supposedly decaying stadium was clearly better than having nothing at all.

In the programme for the final game against Stafford, Thompson wrote: "The buildings are becoming too old, the cost of maintaining them too expensive and the value of the site means that money can be released to further football in Kent."

"The old ground has given us many great days of enjoyment and now its final gift to us will be the money that will ensure the future."

Instead, the £3 million generated by the sale was gone within four years. When the club went under in 1992, still on Thompson's watch, he blamed Maidstone Borough Council for refusing planning permission for a new ground at Woodcut Farm.

As this site may now end up as a KIG depot, his protestations have some posthumous credibility, yet whoever was to blame, 21 years on the damage has not been repaired.

To the enduring embarrassment of a town with a population of nearly 140,000, it remains the largest urban area in the country without a senior football ground.

## Delight as council buys Fleet ground

EBBSFLEET United's future at Stonebridge Road has been secured after Gravesham Borough Council bought the Northfleet ground.

The north Kent club were facing an uncertain future with their home for 62 years set to go under the hammer at an auction next Monday.

The site, previously owned by Land Securities, had been leased to the Blue Square Premier Club, but was put up for sale, prompting fears the new landlords may not want to work with the football club.

However, Fleet fans were able to breathe a sigh of relief this week after Gravesham Borough Council stepped in to buy the ground at the 11th hour.

Fleet chairman Duncan Holt, who had led



**FUTURE SECURED:** Stonebridge Road

a fund-raising campaign to buy the ground, is delighted with the outcome.

He said: "It's brilliant news for the club and the offer from the council was complete-

ly unexpected and a relief. It would have been difficult to raise the money needed to buy the ground in time for the auction."

"With a base secured we are in a great position to move forward and begin to refurbish the stadium."

"Obviously we would like to get the ground up to Football League standard, but this could prove difficult as the criteria for grounds will keep increasing."

The Fleet also received a boost to the club's coffers with the Premier League awarding £1 million to Conference clubs to aid them during the economic crisis.

Fleet are expected to earn £30,000 which will go some way to filling the void left by the collapse of television company Setanta, which cost clubs an estimated loss of £60,000.

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## Dame Kelly to open school games

DOUBLE Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes will be the guest of honour when the Kent School Games are launched next month.

More than 30,000 youngsters aged five-16 from hundreds of schools across the county will take part in this year's competition, which is one of the largest school sports projects in Europe. Local heats spread over 38 sports will begin next month, culminating in finals next July.

It all kicks off with the launch on October 1, which will be visited by Holmes, Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter and shadow minister for sport and the Olympics, Hugh Robertson MP.

Holmes has dedicated much of her time since retirement to getting children active and praised the initiative.

She said: "It's so important for young people to get involved in sport

and the Kent School Games is a brilliant opportunity for so many to enjoy the experience of representing their local area at such a major event.

"I am delighted to be part of the launch and best of luck to all those competing."

About 900 children will be part of the day, with events at Hayesbrook Sports College in Tonbridge and Maidstone schools Bower Grove and Allington Primary.

# Shakey hoping for a move up the grid

By **TOM HOWARD**

SHANE Byrne has received interest from works teams regarding a lucrative ride in the World Superbike Championship next season.

The 33-year-old superbike veteran will almost certainly not be racing for privateer team Sterilgarda Ducati next season after a challenging first year back in the world series.

The Sheppey rider, who has just one podium finish to his name this year, is already considering his options for next season and could be in the saddle of one of the front-running teams for 2010.

The two-time British Superbike champion moved to the World Superbike Championship this season and signed for Sterilgarda Ducati after narrowly missing out on a ride for a works Ducati team.

### Offer

Byrne hopes to clinch in a deal with a new team in the coming weeks and believes riding for a works team will improve his chances of a podium finish.

"The situation at the moment is my manager has told me I have one offer on the table and another two more on the way," he told Kent on Sunday.

"I definitely want to be riding in this series next year as it is a real challenge, but riding on a machine which is capable of winning races. Racing is not that fun when you have to ride hard for 10th spot.

"Ideally I want to get a ride with a works team because privateer teams will always struggle to keep up with bike development. Throughout the year the goal posts got further

## Racer wants to join front-runner



**TOUGH REINTRODUCTION:** Shane Byrne has only one podium finish to his name this season

and further apart. I have had interest from works teams and we will have to see how that pans out."

With three races of the campaign remaining, rumours surrounding the future of Byrne's Sterilgarda Ducati team have been circulating the paddock.

However, the Kent rider is confident his team will compete in the final three races and he hopes to finish the season on a high.

He said: "The second half of the season has been a lot better than the first, but it has been a tough challenge.

"We have not been able to develop the bike so I have had to push even harder for results.

"The crash in Germany earlier this month was down to me pushing too hard to try and keep up with the leaders. We have had some good results and I am hoping for some more to end the season well."



**RACECRAFT:** Pat Doran will give lessons

## A masterclass in rally driving

LYDDEN Hill race circuit hope to set up Britain's first permanent rallycross school, pending a trial next month.

The Kent circuit will play host to a rallycross masterclass on October 11, in a bid to attract new drivers to the sport. If successful, the circuit's owners hope to launch what's believed to be the country's first rallycross school.

Potential new drivers will learn racecraft and car control from British Championship drivers Pat Doran and Steve Hill while driving the circuit, near Dover, in a Suzuki Swift, designed specifically for a new championship to be launched next year.

With other forms of motorsport being hit by the economic crisis, rallycross is experiencing an increase in drivers and spectators. Lydden Hill circuit managing director Amy Doran is hoping the masterclass will unearth a new batch of drivers.

She said: "The masterclass is all about giving people who have watched the sport a chance to get involved. There are plenty of rally schools across the country, but there is nowhere to learn about rallycross.

"We have received backing from the Motor Sports Association (MSA) and it is proving to be popular as there are only a few places left.

"Ideally we would love to set up a permanent school, but we will have to see how the first session goes. It will come down to finances, but we are hoping to host rallycross school sessions twice a year."

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DELIGHTED: Chairman George Kennedy

## Members back revised plans for ground revamp

THE St Lawrence Ground redevelopment is expected to take shape in the autumn after Kent members overwhelmingly backed the club's plans at a Special General Meeting.

About 150 members turned up at the Harris Room on Monday night to ask questions about the slightly revised £8.2 million redevelopment of the ground in Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

The county were forced to shelve plans after having them approved by members in 2007, following the economic downturn which accounted for housing partners Persimmon.

The club have now secured a new housing partner and will be able to get the project up and running after 1,187 members voted in favour of the redevelopment, with just 237 voting against it.

A delighted George Kennedy, chairman of the club, told Kent on Sunday after the meeting: "It's an excellent result for the club. Last time in 2007 in was three to one in favour, now it's five to one and that's very encouraging. We will be pressing on with the legal work as quickly as we can now."

"We have talked to the developers of the hotel and the houses this week telling them we have full member support and will take it from there."

The chairman also told the club's members that the delay to the redevelopment, combined with the economic crisis, meant the county are unlikely to break even again this financial year.

"It doesn't look good at the moment and the economic climate hasn't improved enough for me to say hand on heart that we will break even," he said.

# 'Key's all ours'

## County on the attack after Surrey interest

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT have issued a hands-off warning to Surrey after the county continue in their pursuit of captain Rob Key.

The Kent skipper is believed to be a target for Surrey cricket manager Chris Adams, who has so far acquired the signature of Worcestershire wicketkeeper Steven Davies and off-spinner Gareth Batty in a bid to reinvigorate the Brown Caps.

But Kent are determined to keep a captain who has led them back to Division One of the County Championship at the first time of asking.

### Interest

Graham Johnson, Kent's chairman of cricket, firmly rebuffed any notion that the 30-year-old would be leaving St Lawrence, but indicated there was some truth in the rumours that Surrey have expressed an interest.

"We are well aware of the rumours, some of it is fact but a lot of it is fiction, but the underlying thing is Rob is under contract," he told Kent on Sunday. "Rob is a great player and a great captain, you expect people like that to get offers."

"That's a compliment, but what is not a compliment is when counties do things when they know players are on contracts."

Surrey had earlier this season been keen on signing vice-captain Martin van Jaarsveld, but the South African turned them down to remain at St Lawrence.

Kent hope Key will follow suit and plan to offer him a new contract as his current one expires at the end of next season.

Johnson said: "There is a positive vision about where the club is going to be in the future and we want Rob to be a part of it,



Picture: ADY KERRY

HANDS OFF: Kent are determined to retain the services of their skipper Rob Key

same as we wanted Martin van Jaarsveld and Geraint Jones, who you make an integral part of your set-up."

"Rob is on contract until the end of next season and we are talking to him about hopefully extending that contract."

While Kent hope to keep their much valued captain, attention will now turn towards who the county will bring in to boost their ranks as they return to the championship's top tier.

With Ryan McLaren and Justin Kemp expected to depart at the end of the summer to reignite their international ambitions with South Africa, youngsters such as Sam Northeast and Alex Blake are expected to play a more important part.

The club missed out, or chose not to pur-

sue their interest in Warwickshire seamer Naqash Tahir, Worcestershire bowler Chris Whelan or all-rounder Jim Allenby, who have all signed deals with their counties or moved elsewhere.

Johnson said the club's cricket committee looked at the players out of contract in the summer and felt there wasn't anybody available that could help improve the squad.

"We wanted to qualify whether some of the youngsters could step up and made a decision having looked at it, that there wasn't anyone out there that we thought was any better than what we have got," he said.

"The market has been driven up by certain things the ECB have done, so the value for money argument wasn't there."

## Visa issue ends overseas bowler interest

KENT have shelved plans to bring an overseas bowler to the club after the player failed to get a visa clearance in time, *writes Glenn Pearson.*

The county had hoped to bring in a left-arm fast bowler, believed to be Pakistan quick Sohail Tanvir, for the final month of the season but were again hit with problems in securing a visa.

The same problems delayed batsman Justin Kemp's arrival at the beginning of the season and led to coach Graham Ford missing the first six weeks of the summer.

The club cancelled the contract with the player after learning he wouldn't be available for last week's County Championship game against Middlesex at Uxbridge.

Kent's chairman of cricket, Graham Johnson, told Kent on Sunday the club had done all it could to get the player in time.

He said: "With visas and getting people in,



Picture: ADY KERRY

OPERATION: Robbie Joseph is to have surgery on his troublesome shoulder

it's not straightforward anymore. Once we decided who we wanted, we got the application in within 24 hours, so the club had done everything it could.

"That was three or four weeks ago. The paper work has been tied up at the embassy at the players' end."

"Both the player and his agent were keen to make it happen but embassies being as they are, it hasn't happened so we will be going through to the end of the season without an overseas player."

Kent have been without Robbie Joseph, Martin Saggars, Ryan McLaren, Amjad Khan and an overseas bowler for large parts of the campaign, making promotion this season even more impressive.

Johnson said: "That says two things really; how difficult a process it is nowadays to get an overseas pro and secondly how good the players have been to fight through that."

"In a way, if we had all our bowlers fit, I'm not sure an overseas player would get in the side."

He added: "Robbie Joseph is going to have an operation on his shoulder in September, Ryan McLaren is back and I know he is keen to end the season on a positive note."

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BEST SCORE: Benn Barham's 63 in Vienna

## Barham bang in contention

BENN Barham put himself in contention to claim a maiden victory on the European Tour following two outstanding rounds at the Austrian Golf Open.

The 33-year-old equalled the lowest round of his career on Thursday with an eight-under-par round of 63, while a 65 on Friday saw him lead by two shots at the halfway mark at the course near Vienna.

Barham told Kent on Sunday last week it had been a "rubbish" season, without a

single top-40 finish. It has left him needing to climb 60 places on the Order of Merit to avoid losing his card for next season after five successive years on the European Tour.

With £150,000 up for grabs for the winner, victory would almost certainly put the Ashford golfer into the all-important top 115.

Barham has never won on Tour, with his best finish the third place he claimed in the 2008 Russian Open.



# 'I've been a nightmare'

**After being sidelined for two months with injury, Gillingham midfielder Stuart Lewis talks to DAVID PRITCHARD about testing times on the slow road to recovery**

**DARK TIMES:** Stuart Lewis says the time spent out with a serious ankle injury has been the worst of his career  
Picture: ADY KERRY

ASK any professional athlete what they fear most and invariably their answer will be one of two responses: failure and injury.

Sportsmen and women can at least have some control over their fear of failure with good performances, but injuries do not allow such a luxury.

They can be totally indiscriminate and inevitably come at the worst possible time, as Stuart Lewis has recently discovered.

## Key role

The 21-year-old Gillingham midfielder took more than a year to establish himself at Priestfield, only finding his best form during the closing stages of last season.

After playing a key role in the Gills' play-off victory at Wembley he returned early for pre-season, keen to pick up where he left off.

A succession of decent displays in friendlies hinted at a promising

season ahead, but a tackle at Bishop's Stortford two months ago left him in agony with a ruptured ankle ligament.

For someone who has never been out for more than three weeks with an injury, Lewis has at times struggled to cope.

"I must admit it's the toughest thing I've had to do," he told Kent on Sunday. "Your life completely changes, everything you do revolves around your injury and you can't do too much on it. Saturday becomes the worst day of the week, whereas when you're playing it's the best day."

"The hardest part is watching the lads, you always want them to do well, but on a personal level you feel so far away from it. If you ask people close to me they'd say I was a nightmare at the moment."

Lewis at least has the comfort in knowing the worst is behind him. This week he began running on a treadmill for the first time and is optimistic of returning to the first-team in less than a month.

The same cannot be said for Simon King, who sustained an almost identical injury a week after Lewis. His progress has been much slower and earlier this month he required surgery after a more serious injury was discovered. Tentative estimates put his return as January at the earliest.

Lewis, who found King a key ally to help stave off the loneliness of rehab sessions away from the rest of the squad, feels for his team-mate.

He said: "We have spent a lot of time together in the last couple of months and he's a top lad. I think we both knew that something wasn't right with it and it's probably for the best in the long-term to have the operation."

"Everyone just wishes him a speedy recovery."



## Kwan-do attitude gives City hockey players a boost

AFTER spending years learning in the best hockey leagues in the world, Kwan Browne has returned to Canterbury keen to transform the team's fortunes.

The 31-year-old from Trinidad played at Polo Farm as part of a varied career. At his peak, Browne was one of the best players in the world and although he still has the ability – scoring five goals in a pre-season friendly against Havant – coaching is now his priority.

After spells in the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean, Browne is delighted to have the chance to return to Kent.

He said: "My first time at Canterbury was one of the best in my career, not just the hockey but the whole atmosphere of the club made me feel extremely welcome."

The men's first-team just missed out on an immediate return to the Premier Division last season after relegation in 2007-08.

Browne has been impressed with the squad so far and is confident of mounting a challenge in the Conference East, which began yesterday.

Although he has travelled the globe learning different coaching techniques, by far the biggest influence was the time spent with coaches in the Netherlands.

"They concentrate so much on detail and don't let anything go," he said. "They try to get the best out of every player, themselves and the support staff, everything I do now is based on what they do."

"It's simple things like video analysis or individual sessions which they have never really experienced, but it's standard for the Dutch."

Club captain Rob Preston said Browne's appointment has had an immediate effect.

He said: "It's great to have Kwan back, not only is he a great player but an excellent coach. Everyone's had an extra spring in their step."

## House move is on the cards



KRISTIAN House is in talks to move to a bigger team for next season when his contract at Rapha Condor expires this winter, **writes David Pritchard.**

The 29-year-old is coming to the end of his second season with the team, who spend most of the season competing in domestic events. With his yearly contract running out at the end of the season, House is looking around for a move up cycling's food chain.

After winning the National Road Race Championship in July, by far the biggest title of his career, the Canterbury-born rider is negotiating from a position of strength. While House is keen to stress he enjoys it at Rapha Condor, he is optimistic of a promotion.

"It's a possibility," he told Kent on Sunday. "There are a couple of options I'm working on at the moment. If the opportunity comes up I'd take it straight away, I wouldn't even hesitate."

"I'm happy at this team, but if I can move on my manager wants everyone to be able to move on. I trust the team, which is something that's not easy to come by in sport. It takes the pressure off something which is quite hard."

The obvious dream move would be to Team Sky, led by Dave Brailsford, the mastermind behind Britain's Olympic success in track cycling.

A squad of 25 riders is being assembled for the ambitious project, which aims to win the Tour de France within five years. The latest big name to join is Bradley Wiggins, who came fourth in this year's Tour and reportedly signed on Friday.

Joining would open doors to the world's top races for House, but he is yet to be linked with a move and would not be drawn about his chances of signing.

He did show good form in this week's Tour of Britain and was on course for at least a top-10 finish when Kent on Sunday went to press.

Next week he flies to Australia and is likely to complete his season with the epic Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic, which at 300 kilometres is the longest one-day race in the world.



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**NEW GOAL:** Former top player Kwan Browne now hopes to become a first-class coach

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## Party can begin after Kent claim title victory



Picture: JAMES BOARDMAN

KENT will return to the top tier of the County Championship as Division Two champions after securing the title this week, *writes Glenn Pearson.*

Skipper Rob Key lifted the trophy on Friday after his side picked up the points they needed to be confirmed as champions during the drawn match against Leicestershire at St Lawrence.

The champions won the title with a game to spare after winning eight of their 15 fixtures. As well as winning the title, Kent were awarded a winners' cheque for

£90,000 and a £25,000 bonus as part of the ECB's performance payment scheme.

Coach Simon Willis said the promotion as champions will go some way to righting the wrong of being relegated for the first time in the club's history last season.

He said: "What happened last year happened and we started preparing to get promotion half an hour after the last game of the season."

"Our number one goal was getting promotion and it's nice to have achieved it."

He paid particular praise to off-spinner

James Tredwell who has claimed 67 wickets in the championship so far, but admitted Division One cricket will be a major challenge next summer.

He said: "You have to take 20 wickets in a game in the championship and I think James Tredwell has really come to the party in helping us do that with the wickets he has taken."

"Division One is going to be a massive challenge and our main focus has to be about staying up and if we do that, it will be a major achievement."

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# SCALLY SLAMS ADDICKS AFTER DICKSON U-TURN

## Gills chief's fury after club miss out on re-signing striker

### EXCLUSIVE

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally has stoked the rivalry with League One rivals Charlton, saying he does not want anything to do with the club after their handling over the transfer of striker Chris Dickson.

The Gills had pursued the 24-year-old all summer and came within minutes of signing him on transfer deadline day last month, but this week Dickson signed on loan for Bristol Rovers.

Scally has been unhappy with Charlton's conduct during negotiations and told Kent on Sunday it could put him off trying to revive the move when the striker becomes available in January.

"I don't know, possibly not. I don't really want any dealings with Charlton other than those I have to have. Ever," he said.

Gills boss Mark Stimson made recruiting a striker his priority this summer following promotion back into League One.



Picture: PA PHOTOS

**NO GOING BACK: Chris Dickson signed for Bristol Rovers after talks of Gills return**

Dickson was top of his list after the livewire forward scored 11 goals in 14 games during a hugely successful loan spell at Priestfield two seasons ago.

Charlton initially rejected any notion of Dickson leaving, but became more willing to deal as the end of the transfer window loomed last month. Scally says the clubs agreed a three-month loan move on deadline day and the striker was at Priestfield ready to sign when Charlton added a clause at the last minute to allow them to recall Dickson at any point after the first month.

The move collapsed but had appeared to be resurrected last week, only for Dickson to join fellow League One club Bristol Rovers.

Following the deal, Charlton boss Phil Parkinson said: "Gillingham hadn't called since transfer deadline day but Bristol Rovers and another League One club got in touch with us, and Rovers appealed to Chris."

Scally vehemently rejected the claim, saying: "I spoke to [Charlton chief executive] Steve Waggott and he asked me to e-mail him, I e-mailed him and sent him texts, he's sent me texts. All since September 9, they're a matter of record, so it's not true."

The Priestfield chief believes the truth lies in the rivalry between the two clubs, who will meet in the league for the first time since 1981 next month.

He said: "Phil Parkinson appears to be paranoid that Chris Dickson was going to come and do well under Mark Stimson. That seems to be the basis on which they wouldn't let him come to us."

Stimson was bitterly disappointed to miss out on Dickson, who he hoped to partner with top scorer Simeon Jackson.

He said: "It's a big blow, we've been after the boy for a while I think everyone knows that. Why he's gone to Bristol Rovers I'm not too sure, but we have to move on now and concentrate on the boys we've got."

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